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H.M.S. STURGEON'S EXPLOIT IN SKAGGERAK

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A Terrific Sight

THE STORY OF THE SINKING OF A GERMAN TRANSPORT BY THE SUBMARINE STURGEON WAS TOLD IN LONDON YESTERDAY BY THE SUBMARINE'S COMMANDER WHO SAID THEY WENT UP THE SKAGGERAK AND GOT INTO POSITION EARLY ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 2.

ITALIANS CAUGHT ON THE HOP

The Italians were completely surprised by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm which raided the Libyan base of Ben Ghazi this week, it was learned in Cairo yesterday.

Sticks of bombs fell across two groups of ships, including destroyers, which formed the main targets in the harbour.

Fire broke out among one group and when the second group was bombed again, a destroyer blew up with such force that the blast almost overturned one of the raiders.

At the end of the raid the town was lit by the glow of flames which seemed to envelop the entire harbour.—Reuter.

It was blowing hard, he said, and at dusk the hydrophone operator reported he heard very faintly the sound of a ship.

Sturgeon surfaced and a few minutes later two small German destroyers were sighted and just afterwards a very large transport some distance away silhouetted against the light of the setting sun.

Sturgeon's crew went to diving stations and brought the torpedo tubes to the ready and fired torpedoes as the transport was going away from them.

The submarine submerged immediately but soon after left but two destroyers with searchlights on, picking up survivors.

The transport steaming on with her escorting destroyers, but a moment later they heard a great explosion and saw a gigantic column of smoke going up from the transport.

The submarine went further away from the transport and once an aeroplane swooped right over them but they were not spotted.

Blazing Mass

After about 10 minutes the transport burst into flames and became a blazing mass from stem to stern.

"It was a terrific sight. After an hour and a half she was set-

ting down into the water and quite obviously was finished." The submarine submerged to re-lay their torpedoes and when they surfaced again the transport had gone and there was nothing left but two destroyers with searchlights on, picking up survivors.

Lucky Shot

An officer said that shortly after the torpedo was fired the sound of an explosion was heard. The ship sank within about two hours, he said, adding it was an extremely lucky shot at that range.

The ship was a single-funnel low-built diesel vessel of about 10,000 to 12,000 tons and was making north for a Norwegian port.

Danish reports have stated she had between 3,000 and 4,000 troops on board. Whether these troops were intended for a possible invasion of Great Britain could only be a matter of speculation.—Reuter.

RUMANIA SETS A NEW RIDDLE

Violent attacks published in the Rumanian Press yesterday, alleging Hungarian brutality in the occupied areas of Transylvania, are understood by Reuter's Bucharest correspondent, to have been published with the Axis permission after being withheld for three days.

It is stated in some quarters that the campaign may precede a demand for the rectification of the frontiers fixed by the Vienna Award.

Details of the alleged Hungarian atrocities have been broadcast in German and Italian.

There is no official confirmation of rumours that General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator, is now visiting Rome—at the same time as Herr von Ribbentrop.—Reuter.

PROTECTED PLACES

Under an Order gazetted to-day, several additions have been made to the list of "Protected Areas" in Hong Kong.

They include the Royal Observatory, Bailey's Shipyard, China Provident Godowns, the Green Island Cement Company's works at Hok Un, the Standard-Vacuum installation and Kai Tak aerodrome.

NONSTOP STRAFING

The R.A.F. last night continued its non-stop programme of hammering the German invasion ports.

In the moonlight, cliff-top watchers on the English side of the Channel saw a bright flame along the French coast from Calais to Boulogne.

Continuous gun flashes, shell bursts and clusters of searchlights

GERMANS LOSING THOUSANDS

German troops who refused to participate in invasion exercises off the Netherlands coast were sent back to Germany with their hands tied behind their backs, according to a Dutch wireless executive, Carlier Weele, who left the Netherlands on August 27 and arrived in New York yesterday in the liner "Exeter."

He said he had seen many men being taken to Germany. He and another passenger, Robert Solberg, Vice-President of the Arco International Corporation, told almost identical stories of heavy German losses during exercises in the Channel ports in preparation for invasion.

Solberg said that when he visited the French Channel ports recently he was told that bodies of German troops were washed ashore daily as the result of R.A.F. bombing of invasion barges. He added thousands of Germans had been lost in this way.—Reuter.

showed the Germans were putting up a vigorous resistance but the red glare cast in the sky by bursting bombs indicated the British pilots were pressing home the attacks with their usual skill and daring.—Reuter.

AGGRESSIVE U.S. POLICY IN EAST DEMANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN ANOTHER OF his outspoken speeches on the Far East, Rear-Admiral Harry Yarnell (Retired), former Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, declared in New York yesterday that the United States must stiffen her policy in the Orient in opposition to Japan.

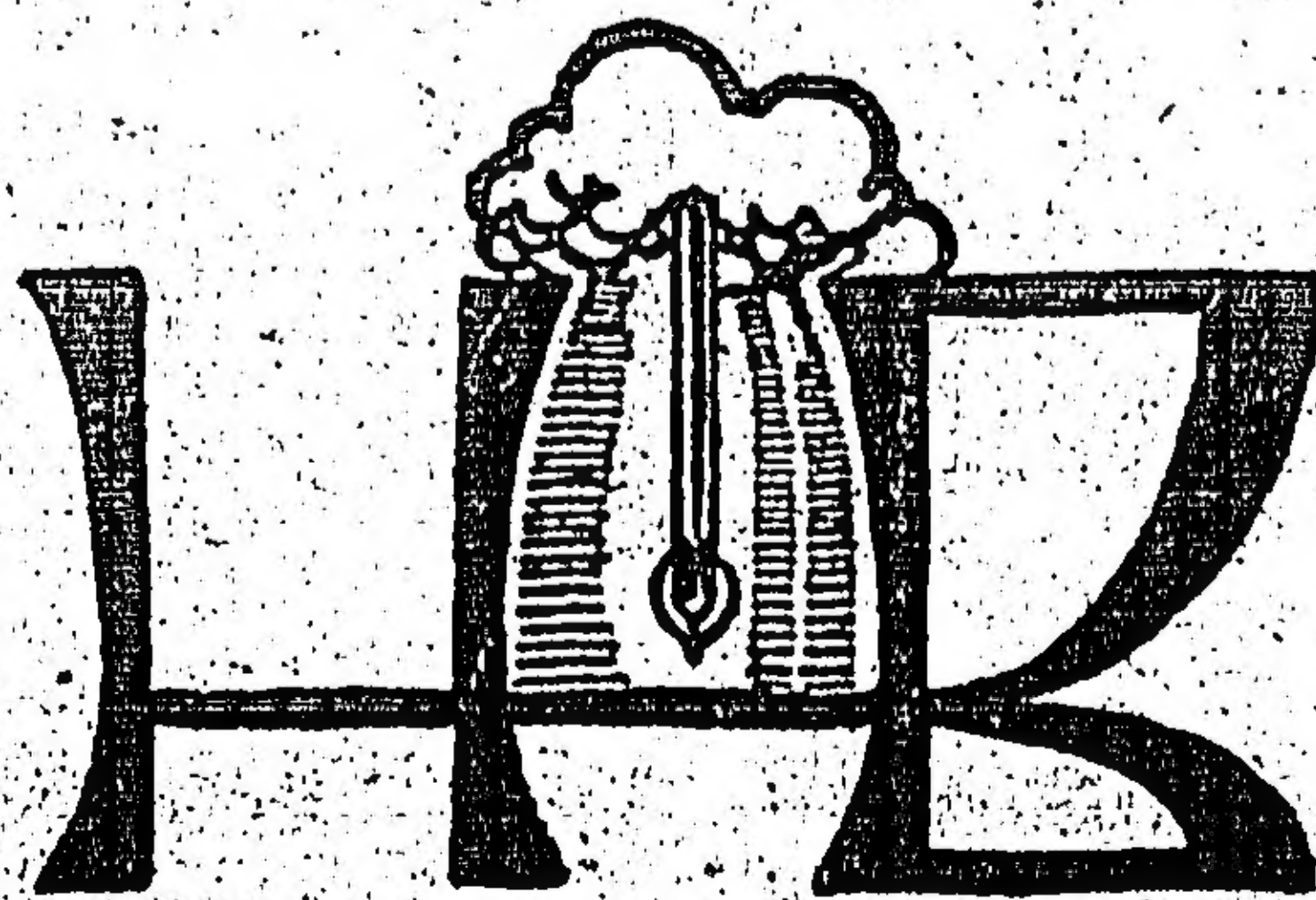
Admiral Yarnell urged an aggressive policy on the part of the United States to protect her Asiatic interests, and termed American withdrawal from the Far East as "an impossible policy."

The Admiral declared the United States should immediately conclude a joint agreement with Britain, the Netherlands and France for the protection of their mutual interests in the Far East. They should also acquire new Pacific bases, strengthen the Asiatic Fleet, make use of the base at Singapore and aid China

in every way possible. Admiral Yarnell said the United States must cease sending war materials to Japan.

He charged that Japan had destroyed American trade in China, bombed American cities and property, violated American treaty rights and ignored American protests.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

BOMBING OF BRIGHTON

Nazi Raiders Fail To Get Through To London

Renew Attack On Capital At Night

BRIGHTON WAS BOMBED YESTERDAY WITH SOME FATAL CASUALTIES IN THE COURSE OF REDUCED GERMAN AIR OPERATIONS, BUT RELATIVELY, ENGLAND HAD A VERY QUIET DAY AND LONDON WAS LITTLE DISTURBED.

The unfavourable weather continued into the evening, promising further respite for London, but the air raid alarm was sounded and the anti-aircraft guns began to bark soon after dusk.

VAIN SEARCH FOR ITALIAN NAVY

BRITISH WARSHIPS WHICH A DAY OR TWO AGO SHELLED ITALIAN POSITIONS AT BEN-GHAZI, SOLLUM AND SIDI-EL-BARANI RETURNED TO ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY, NOT ONE OF THEM SHOWED ANY TRACE OF BATTLE.

During their cruise they searched in vain for any Italian surface craft.

Further proof of British control of the Mediterranean was provided by a Cairo report yesterday stating that 8,200 tons of coal have just reached Egypt from Britain.

The Minister of Mines said yesterday that this represents part of a substantial shipment of British coal to Egypt.

The Italian "blockade" was quite ineffective and the British Government would see to it that Egypt gets all the coal she needs. — Reuter.

WOPS AT OLD TRICKS

THREE ITALIAN PLANES HAVE BOMBED A BRITISH CASUALTY CLEARING STATION AT EL DABA, WHICH IS ON THE ROUTE BETWEEN MERSA MATRUH AND ALEXANDRIA.

It was a moon-lit night and the camp was clearly marked so that it could not have been mistaken for any other kind of camp.

There were no casualties. Italian planes, it will be recalled, recently bombed an isolated mission station in the Sudan, killing several American men and women. — Reuter.

They also made a habit of bombing Red Cross camps and bases during the Abyssinian War.

ITALIAN AIRMEN INTERNED

SEVEN ITALIAN AIRMEN WHO TOOK PART IN A RECENT RAID ON PALESTINE ARE BEING DETAINED BY THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

They made a forced landing on Turkish soil while on their way back to their base in the Dodecanese Islands. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA TO MAKE BIG GUNS

Heavy guns will now be made in New South Wales, Australia, in addition to the small arms which have been produced in the past. — Reuter.

RIBBENTROP'S LITTLE ARMY

THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN PRESS IS STILL SOMEWHAT HAZY ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF RIBBENTROP'S VISIT TO ROME, ALTHOUGH THE WAR IN AFRICA IS A POPULAR THEORY.

The Berlin press says that the Axis Powers are discussing the "exclusion of British influence in Africa."

Political developments in Spain are also said to be a main topic.

Rome Radio yesterday morning revealed that the armoured train which brought the Nazi Foreign Minister to Rome not only bristled with pom-poms but also carried a company of troops. — Reuter.

ENGLAND PREPARES FOR MORE

Local authorities in London and in the country generally are pressing ahead with measures to provide additional shelter accommodation for thousands of people in basements of large buildings.

Special powers will be used freely to secure possession of suitable premises. — Reuter.

LONDON BUS BLOWN TO PIECES

There were some miraculous escapes from death or injury in London during the course of Thursday/Friday night's raids.

A high-explosive bomb fell on a block of flats in Central London, blowing to pieces a motor-bus and several cars. Everyone had gone to shelters and there were no casualties.

In South London, a house was destroyed. Two elderly women crawled out of the wreckage, unhurt.

In north-east London, a high-explosive bomb wrecked six houses, but there were only two casualties.

By a thousand to one chance, the emergency escape hatch of a public shelter in a London park received a direct hit. Some of those within were killed, others were injured.

Rescue workers toiled amid falling shrapnel, disregarding another bomb which fell only a hundred yards away.

It was nearly 12 hours before some people were got out and taken to hospital.

Twelve houses were wrecked in another part of London and rescue workers again defied shrapnel in the search among the ruins for people who might be buried.

One little girl was dug out after seven hours' of searching. All she said was that she would "like a cup of tea." — Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN THE DESERT WAR

A communique issued by General Headquarters at Cairo yesterday stated there is no change in the situation in the Western Desert.

On other fronts there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

R.A.F. DEFIES WEATHER TO RAID GERMANY

IN TERRIBLE WEATHER the R.A.F. attacked aqueducts carrying the Dortmund-Ems Canal over the River Ems north of Munster on Thursday night, states the Air Ministry news service in London.

The Canal is one of the most vital links in Germany's internal communications. The aqueducts have been attacked more than once and much damage caused but repair gangs since have been working at high pressure to restore them to full use. Flight-Lt. Learoyd was awarded the V.C. for his part in the attack last month.

A blinding rainstorm and cloud blatted both land and sea as the aircraft approached the target on Thursday night but luckily right over the target the sky suddenly became clear.

Sticks of high explosives dropped across both aqueducts and at least one burst was clearly seen.

The attacks were repeated later, once by aircraft in a shallow dive attack.

Channel Ports

Driving rain, which often turned to sleet, shrouded the Channel ports which were also attacked, but new fires were started by Ostend. The new tidal harbour was one objective.

Flushing harbour came in for another heavy battering, heavy explosions being caused in the harbour works and outer harbour, also across the Verbeed Canal.

There were barges in the canal and bombs dropped among them caused, in the words of one pilot, a series of minor explosions followed by a violent explosion with green flames.

Dunkirk docks were also attacked from a low level despite intense A.A. fire.

Coblenz Visited

Other R.A.F. squadrons bombed railway yards at Mannheim and Ehrang, a goods yard at Neckarau, four miles south of Mannheim, and the main railway lines at Coblenz.

Attacks were also made on a bridge over the Rhine near the Trier Canal between Voers and Middleburg in Holland and aerodromes at Munster-Hansdorp and Bergenopzoom. — Reuter.

ITALIAN WAR CORRESPONDENTS TAKEN PRISONER!

THREE ITALIAN war correspondents who were captured by a British armoured-car near Sidi-el-Barani on Sunday were interviewed in Cairo yesterday by British war correspondents.

They exposed the truth and gave the lie to Marshal Graziani's highly-coloured account of operations in his report to Mussolini a day or so ago.

Graziani made out in his report that there had been a ferocious encounter in which the British forces sustained heavy losses.

The Italian war correspondents, on the other hand, say that the advance of the Italian troops did not involve any close fighting.

One of them told how, early on Sunday morning, their convoy of lorries started moving, but were travelling so slowly that the war correspondents went on ahead.

They could not see anything for a while, but eventually, through field-glasses, picked out an armoured-car and some people on a hill in the distance.

They took them for an Italian advance patrol and walked over only recognising the British flag at half-past five, when it was too late.

They were made prisoner and taken to Mersa Matruh.

At the time of their capture, the Italian war correspondents were about one hour's journey ahead of the advancing Italian columns.

Reuter's correspondent says they had been in Libya for six weeks. They lost their bearings when trying to find the Italian camps and strayed into the British lines.

The correspondent confirmed that the Italian troops in action were strictly rationed in regard to water. — Reuter.

RECRUITING BY MAHARAJAH

The Maharajah of Bikaner's first mechanised transport company has now been raised and recruiting for others is proceeding briskly. — Reuter.

Describing the air operations round Britain, a joint communique issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security last evening, stated that shortly after midnight on Thursday, our anti-aircraft guns shot down an enemy bomber in the north of London, this being the second destroyed during Thursday night's attacks.

During the brief air clashes in daylight yesterday, five enemy bombers were shot down by our fighters. None of our machines were lost.

Kent Raid

During the morning, a force of enemy aircraft crissed the coast of Kent, but the formation did not penetrate into the London area beyond the eastern and south-eastern outskirts where a few bombs were dropped.

Little damage was done and only one slight casualty was reported.

Several bombs were dropped in Brighton and damage was done to houses. There was a number of casualties, some of which were fatal.

The enemy formations were engaged by British fighters but the cloud conditions made interception difficult. Reports hitherto received show that four enemy machines were shot down definitely and others probably. Seven British fighters are missing in this action, but the pilots of three have reported safe. — Reuter.

Loud gunfire was heard in the London area last night shortly after the raid warning was sounded.

After last night's air raid had been in progress for some time a flare was dropped which turned night into daylight over Central London.

Two bombs were then heard whistling down.

Bombs crashed before midnight in several districts south of the river. — Reuter.

LONDONER AND THE RAIDS

DESCRIBING LONDONERS' REACTIONS TO THE AIR RAIDS ON THE CAPITAL, THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "DAGENS NYHETER" SAID YESTERDAY: "The adaptability of Londoners is simply astonishing and provided the problems of furnishing lodgings for the homeless and arranging for a sufficient number of deep shelters are solved, there is no risk of London giving way in the slightest manner under German air attacks." — Reuter.

BRITISH CHILDREN IN CAPETOWN

A total of 309 children evacuated from Britain arrived in Capetown yesterday as guests of the Union of South Africa. They were given an official welcome by two Cabinet Ministers — Mr. W. B. Madoley (Labour and Social Welfare) and Mr. H. Lawrence (Interior and Public Health). — Reuter.

NAVAL FACILITIES FOR AMERICA IN SINGAPORE

SOVIET PACIFIC FLEET

MANOEUVRES

Simultaneously with the staging of army manoeuvres in western Russia the Soviet Pacific fleet has also been engaged in sham battle practice, according to a Moscow despatch to the Domei news agency yesterday.

Soviet naval operations are reported to have included night mine-laying operations and night battle practice against theoretical enemy squadrons advancing against the main Soviet naval base. — **Reuter.**

GANDHI TO SEE VICEROY

Madras radio yesterday said Mr. Gandhi was back in power as the leader of the All-India Congress.

The radio quoted the following statement by Mr. Gandhi about his proposed visit to the Viceroy: "Assuming the interview is granted I do not go to hold a pistol to the Viceroy's head, but to make sure that I am right in the inferences I have drawn from the acts of the Government." — **Reuter.**

EGYPTIAN ANSWER TO ITALY

"Egyptians as one man must defend their independence and drive the enemy from their territories," declared Ahmad Maher Pasha, President of the Chamber of Deputies, in a speech at Mansura yesterday.

He said: "We cannot stand by as onlookers while the struggle deciding our fate continues." — **Reuter.**

THE CONVERSATIONS in Washington between Lord Lothian, British Ambassador, Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister, and Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, were mentioned at a press conference at the State Department in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull declared emphatically that negotiations are not going on in any respect.

IS HE HAPPY?

Hundreds of pilots who fought the Germans in the air in the Great War are back in the R.A.F. again. These veterans are now nearly all too old to fly and so, though they gaze wistfully into the skies at the men who were not even born during the last war, they carry out the multitudinous ground-staff jobs that exist in the modern Royal Air Force.

But one old-timer who has come back to the R.A.F. after 25 years is actually flying again. In the Great War he was on reconnaissance duties over the German lines in French territory. To-day, as a member of a Communication Squadron, he is flying over the same country, sometimes carrying mails and important despatches but more often "ferrying" important personages to various parts of the French war zone.

He says that modern aircraft compared with the "kites" he flew in 1918 are safe and luxurious.

"We had no parachutes last time—if you came unstuck you were finished," he adds. "Now, of course, we have a lifebelt that you can rely on. On the other hand adjustable pitch airscrews, retractable under-carriages and flaps make the modern machine not only capable of greater performance, but also far more complicated to operate. There may be as many as twenty 'clocks' on the panel and a dozen controls as against the throttle, rudder-bar and stick of the old D.H.4."

CANADA TAKING OVER DESTROYERS

The Navy Minister announced in Ottawa yesterday that Canada is taking over six former U.S. destroyers now in Canadian waters. — **Reuter.**

The representatives of the three countries, he said, have exchanged full and free information about all phases of international affairs, but that is all.

Questioned about the possibility of the United States using the Singapore Base, Mr. Hull said that while it may have been discussed, the subject had not been "dwelt upon."

British Statement

Authoritative quarters in London, commenting on the report that Britain has made available to the United States certain facilities as regards Singapore, point out, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that for years past the United States and Britain who have, in the broadest sense, common interests in the Far East, have pursued parallel policies.

On that basis, facilities which Britain can make useful to the United States have for years past been available and remain available to that country as and when they are required by the development of the Far East situation. — **Reuter.**

"CULMINATING STAGE OF THE WAR"

The extreme significance of the Rome talks, owing to the "present culminating stage of the war," was stressed in a Rome message to the German news agency yesterday.

The message said that Danube problems and relations with Spain are among the questions discussed.

Meanwhile Ribbentrop had another interview with Mussolini last evening lasting an hour. Ciano was also present. — **Reuter.**

ROUGH-HAIRED OBSERVER

A senior R.A.F. officer, recently visiting an Observer Corps post near the north-east coast of England was surprised to meet a rough-haired terrier among the observers. The dog not only keeps constant watch at the post but wears a specially made Observer Corps badge on his collar. He "points" whenever he hears an aircraft. His fellow-observers say that he often points before the noise of the aircraft's engines has become loud enough to be heard by human ears. He belongs to the Chief Observer.

We have been asked to state, in connection with a case reported yesterday, in which a young woman, giving the name Mrs. McDonald, was prosecuted for trespassing on Stonecutters Island, that the young woman is not the wife of Mr. C. T. F. McDonald, of the Naval Dockyard Police.

SPAIN'S POUND OF FLESH!

SENOR SERRANO SUNER, Spanish Minister of Interior, arrived in Brussels yesterday morning on a tour of the occupied territories, says the official German news agency. A reception was given him by General von Falkenhausen, Commander-in-Chief for Belgium and occupied France.

Owing to the length of Ribbentrop's stay in Rome, Senor Suner will not return to Berlin from his tour until Sunday, and his talks in Berlin will be resumed on Monday.

General impression fostered by the Madrid newspapers is that Senor Suner is telling Berlin what Spain wants from the peace as a reward for winning the Civil War which, it is held, was the first phase of the European war.

For instance, the newspaper "Yo" yesterday carried the headline: "Spanish sacrifice of three years will bear tangible fruit in Europe."

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid paper "Alcazar" states, however, that Senor Suner and Ribbentrop will meet again only to sign a Spanish-German trade agreement "which has been under discussion for some time."

Conclusion of such an agreement would, of course, be a logical sequence to the great extension of trading possibilities caused by the collapse of Franco. — **Reuter.**

Other Settlements

Commenting on the Rome talks the "Popolo d'Italia" declares the Axis powers have settled the Baltic and Danubian questions.

The paper adds: "Because Europe must have a strong and lasting structure, other settlements will follow." — **Reuter.**

HOVERING AIRCRAFT

In contrast to the usual high speed evasive tactics used by enemy airmen when attacked by British aircraft, the pilot of a Blenheim tells a story of a German machine which "hovered" so successfully that the Blenheim overshoot it.

The Blenheim was returning over Germany after a successful bombing attack on an enemy bridgehead when he sighted an unfamiliar type of aircraft flying low along a deep valley.

Diving at more than 300 miles an hour, the Blenheim pilot attacked with his front gun, opening fire at about 35 yards.

"To my amazement," the pilot reported afterwards, "the enemy aircraft appeared to stop and stand still in mid-air, forcing me to over-shoot."

Pulling out of his dive the R.A.F. pilot sought to renew the attack, but the enemy aircraft was now flying so low that the steepness of the gorge prevented further attack.

The mystery of the "hovering" aircraft was solved later, when the Blenheim pilot identified it from a photograph as a Fieseler "Storch," a German trainer-type aircraft which has such extensively slotted wings that it is endowed with remarkable slow-flying qualities.

Its proper name is Fieseler Fi. 156, and it is used sometimes for army cooperation work, especially for observation, for which its low speed makes it eminently suitable.

This aircraft was evolved from a number of successive types built by the German firm of Gerhard Fieseler Werke, founded by Herr Gerhard Fieseler, the acrobatic pilot who designed the earlier models especially for his aerial displays.

Although the Fieseler Fi. 156 has a top speed of something like 110 m.p.h., its minimum speed is only 31 m.p.h. A speed that is definitely "hovering" compared with normal modern speeds.

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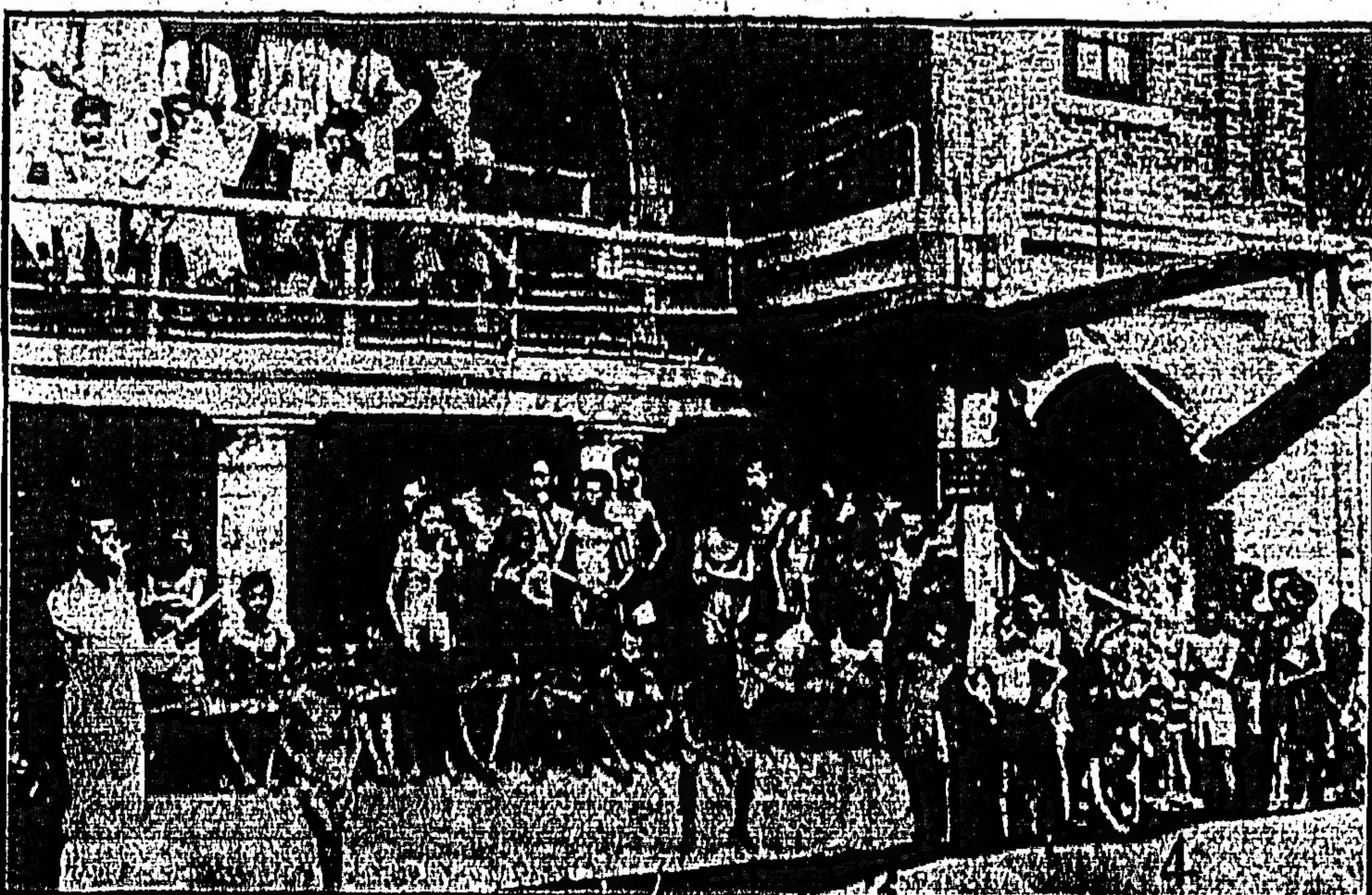
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Australia's Final Election Speeches; Polling To-day

TO-DAY'S AUSTRALIAN Federal elections, for which a record number of candidates have been nominated, were preceded yesterday by the final appeals of party leaders to the electors emphasising the need for a tremendous war effort.

Both Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Curtin, the Labour Opposition Leader, are anxious for a sweeping majority in the House of Representatives and Senate to free them from anxieties which would interfere with the conduct of the war.

Mr. Menzies has five opponents at Kooyong and Mr. Curtin two at Freemantle. While both are wholeheartedly for every possible assistance to Great Britain, Mr. Curtin has been laying greater stress on the defence of Australia than the despatch of aid overseas.

A total of 273 candidates are contesting 75 seats in the House, and 65 candidates will battle for 19 seats in the Senate. Four are women. Only unopposed candidate is Mr. A. E. Green, Labour representative of Kalgoorlie.

Danger Great

Mr. Menzies, broadcasting yesterday, said whatever government was in office after to-day's poll would be entitled to the public support.

The danger was too great for their strength to be frittered away by recrimination or internal division.

"We are fighting for things eternal which touch not merely the body of man but the eternal spirit. We must cast aside all selfishness and unworthy ambitions and pledge ourselves and our service for the free future of the Christian world."

Clear-Cut Plans

Mr. Menzies added: "What we want is a strong government with definite clear-cut plans and assured of the backing of the people."

Mr. Curtin called for the maximum war effort, equal sacrifices during the war, a new social effort after the war, the complete defence of Australia, and a national war cabinet of all parties.

SHOT DOWN, BOMBED, TORPEDOED

A Pilot Officer of the R.A.F. Fighter Command has richly earned a rest as well as the D.F.C. just awarded to him.

Having destroyed several enemy aircraft while patrolling over north-west France, he was shot down himself and landed by parachute near a French coast resort. When he first saw the town it was intact. After his two days' stay there "dodging bombs and bullets" — it was completely wrecked.

He then managed to secure a passage for England in a small naval vessel. With another pilot, since posted as missing, and an Army officer, he helped to man the ship's gun as the vessel was shadowed out of harbour by an enemy aircraft dropping flares.

Suddenly the ship was torpedoed at point-blank range. The Pilot Officer was blown into the water and struck a large piece of wood. The blow made both his legs useless. He managed, however, to cling to the wood, while a German motor-boat cruised round, her crew shooting survivors in the water.

There had been two hundred on board the torpedoed ship. Twenty-four, including the Pilot Officer, were later rescued by another English ship.

Eight years ago the Pilot Officer passed out of Halton as Leading Fitter of his year. At the beginning of the war he was a sergeant pilot. Now, having won his Commission and his D.F.C. within a few months, he is having a rest in hospital — "bruised all over," as he says.

HEINKEL FIGHTS FOR LIFE

Many British bomber pilots have had good reason to be grateful for the toughness of construction which has allowed them to "nurse" shell-shattered aircraft and bring them safely home. Fighter pilots, too, have come back unharmed in broken Spitfires, Hurricanes and Defiants — sometimes to the marvel of experts.

Craft for craft, the German makes are inferior in this quality. Occasionally, however, one of their aircraft stands up to punishment surprisingly well. Here is one such instance.

Anti-aircraft gunners on duty near the Humber fired on a Heinkel 111 during a recent night raid. A fighter pilot also attacked it. The Heinkel went down out of control.

The gunners waited, expecting to hear a crash and, perhaps, to see the bomber burst into flames. But the German pilot was skilful, and lucky. He regained control almost in time, though not soon enough to prevent the Heinkel from hitting a telegraph pole.

Even that did not destroy it. While the pilot battled with the controls, the Heinkel clumped across two fields, its airscrew scoring the ground. Then, to the gunners' astonishment, it took off again, flying out to sea at a height of fifteen feet.

This Heinkel is one of the many German aircraft of which all that can be said is that they would probably not be able to reach their bases.

"ROUTINE WORK"

"Almost any pilot engaged on night bombing will tell you that it is just routine." So said a pilot on being interrogated the other day after a successful raid.

But this is what the job really meant.

With other members of his squadron he was detailed to take part in an attack on a military objective in the Rhineland, a run of 1,100 miles. Weather conditions were bad at the time, and on the way out his aircraft was first iced up, and later struck by lightning.

Over the target area there was heavy opposition from the ground defences, and a shell burst close enough to the machine to do damage. Searchlights occasionally caught the aircraft in their beams, and fighters were also seen flying about in the neighbourhood. In the distance other raids were in progress and fires started by them could be seen. Two miles from the objective one of the engines cut out. Height was lost rapidly, and the aircraft found itself in the line of fire from the ground defences. In spite of this the pilot circled his target and had the satisfaction of seeing several explosions soon after his bombs had hit his target — an ammunition factory.

The release of the bombs helped the pilot to maintain height and a few minutes later the engine started to work again. An hour later, on the homeward journey, the engine again showed signs of cutting out. There was considerable doubt whether the aircraft would be able to reach its base. The pilot gave orders to the crew to stand by to "bale out", and remarked that "the navigator had packed enough in his bag for a week-end". By skilful running of the engine and accurate navigation the pilot was able to reach home and make a good landing.

"Just routine?" said the interrogator. "Well," agreed the pilot, "that might have been a bit of a night. But in the main it is still just routine stuff."

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IMPLACABLE WAR IN THE AIR

THE BERNE NEWSPAPER "Democrate" yesterday published an article entitled "Implacable air warfare."

One cannot help admiring the nerve, tenacity and courage of British airmen, the article says, even when they borrow our air space. (A reference to R.A.F. flights over Switzerland on the way to Italy).

The Germans have an easier task owing to shorter distances, in Egypt is proof that aeroplanes cannot seriously endanger a modern fleet or bring a final decision.

No superiority on either side is yet discernable but the British riposte is serious, efficient and regular, and must disconcert German public opinion.

The "Journal de Geneve" says the British have obeyed a wise strategic principle in abandoning certain important points to concentrate on the defence of Britain and the route to India.

Too Much!

The "Berne Tagwacht" says certain German communiques ask one to believe too much. On the same day one communique says the British air attacks are growing weaker, another that the Luftwaffe is retaliating for the increasingly strong British night attacks. — Reuter.

AN EXTRA DORNIER IN THE BAG

Cloud played a trick on five Fighter Command pilots in the far north of Scotland recently.

They all flew home from a fight thinking they had shot down one Dornier. When they compared notes on landing, however, they found that they had really destroyed two Dorniers.

The five pilots were patrolling the skies over the coast in two sections when they sighted a Nazi raider. Both sections gave chase. Some way out to sea, the raider, a "Flying Pencil" aircraft, sought safety in cloud. The fighters followed him.

As they flew through the cloud the two fighter sections were separated. One section, coming out of the cloud, found themselves within range of the enemy. The German rear-gunner fired first, and the fighter pilots, in their Hurricanes, replied. After a short running fight in and out of cloud the Dornier dived steeply towards the sea; one member of its crew taking to his parachute.

The raider struck the water obliquely. There was an explosion and flames leapt 100 to 150 feet into the air. For some time afterwards rippling flames were seen over a wide surface of petrol-covered sea.

Meanwhile a Sergeant-pilot of the second fighter section had followed out of the clouds and fired at what he believed to be the original Dornier.

Fearing that they might lose the enemy in the cloud, the Sergeant-pilot's section-leader had already flown further out to sea in readiness. He now, in turn, attacked this second raider, and saw it dive vertically in flames. Three of the crew jumped by parachute.

When they returned to their base the five British pilots realised from their stories that they had attacked and brought down two raiders. To make quite certain one of them flew out to sea again, and saw two separate patches of oil where the Dorniers had dived into the sea.

GERMANS IN THE ITALIAN FORCES

AN ORDER ISSUED BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND REVEALS OFFICIALLY THAT GERMANS ARE SERVING WITH THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES. The order, dated June 1 last, places Germans in the Italian forces on the same footing as regards pensions as the members of the German forces. — Reuter.

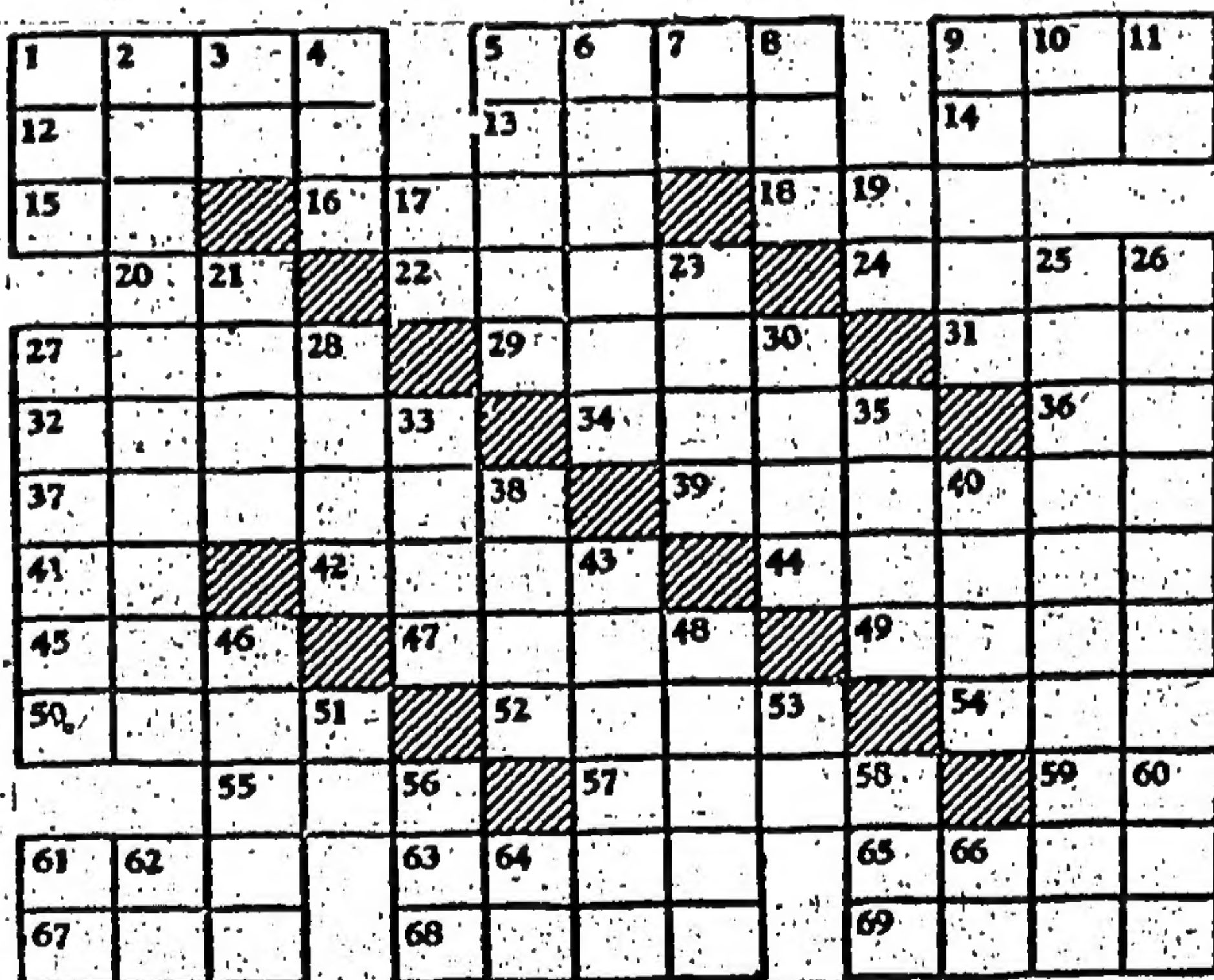
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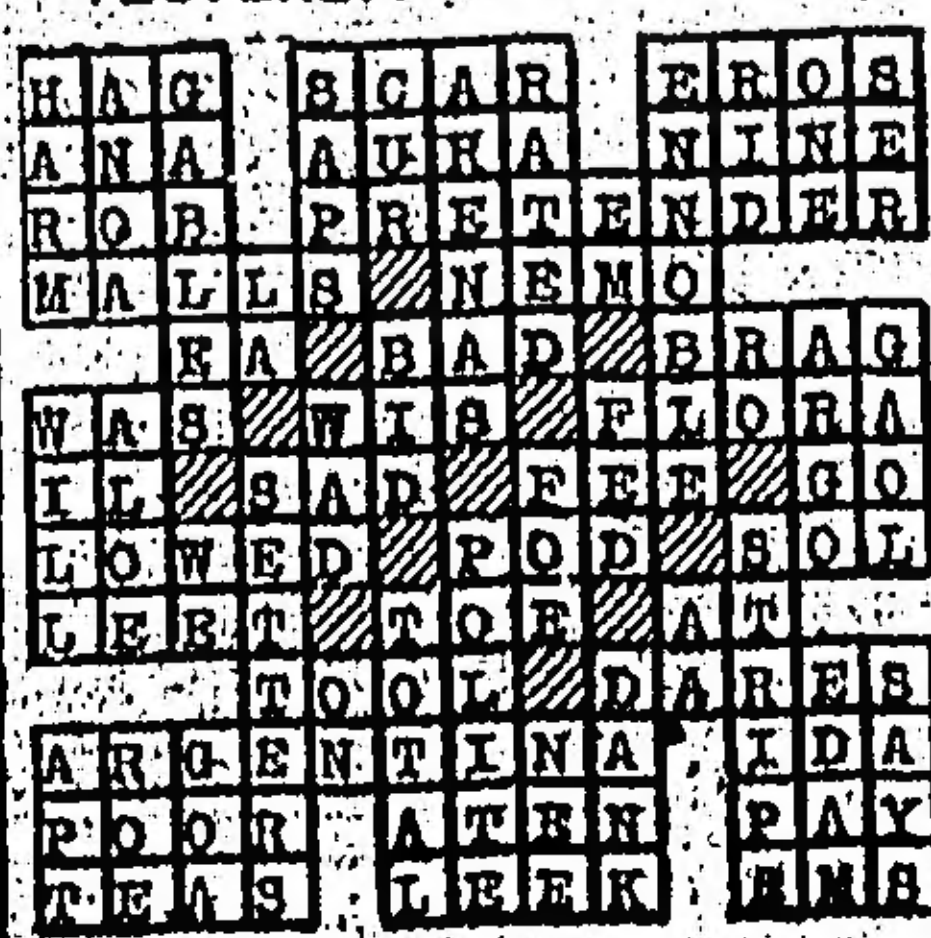
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Small bottle
- 5 Stain
- 9 Pear-shaped fruit
- 12 Peruvian Indian
- 13 Valorous man
- 14 European fish
- 15 Preposition
- 16 Haven
- 18 To earn
- 20 Concerning
- 22 Accomplishment
- 24 Faction
- 27 Body of a vessel
- 29 To let fall
- 31 Hindu weight
- 32 Species of willow
- 34 To cut off by bits
- 36 Toward
- 37 Lashes
- 39 Tormented
- 41 Negative
- 43 Male deer
- 44 Trap
- 45 Being
- 47 God of love
- 49 Shade trees
- 50 Russian ruler
- 52 To lavish fondness

VERTICAL

- 1 By way of
- 2 Encroachments
- 3 Symbol for actinium
- 4 To drink
- 5 Particle
- 6 Ancient type of bomb
- 7 Conjunction
- 8 To haul
- 9 The end
- 10 European fish
- 11 Earth goddess
- 17 Preposition
- 19 Exists
- 21 Lamb's pen-name
- 23 Wrong
- 25 Resolved
- 26 Eats away
- 27 Stingling insect
- 28 Permits
- 30 Pastries
- 33 Charge
- 35 Scourge
- 38 Carnelian
- 40 Sodium chloride
- 43 A peanut
- 46 Drawing-room
- 48 Shop
- 51 Japanese measure
- 53 Teutonic deity
- 56 Fruit seed
- 59 Spike of grain
- 60 Part of "to be"
- 61 Paid notice
- 62 To leave
- 64 Toward
- 66 Odin's brother

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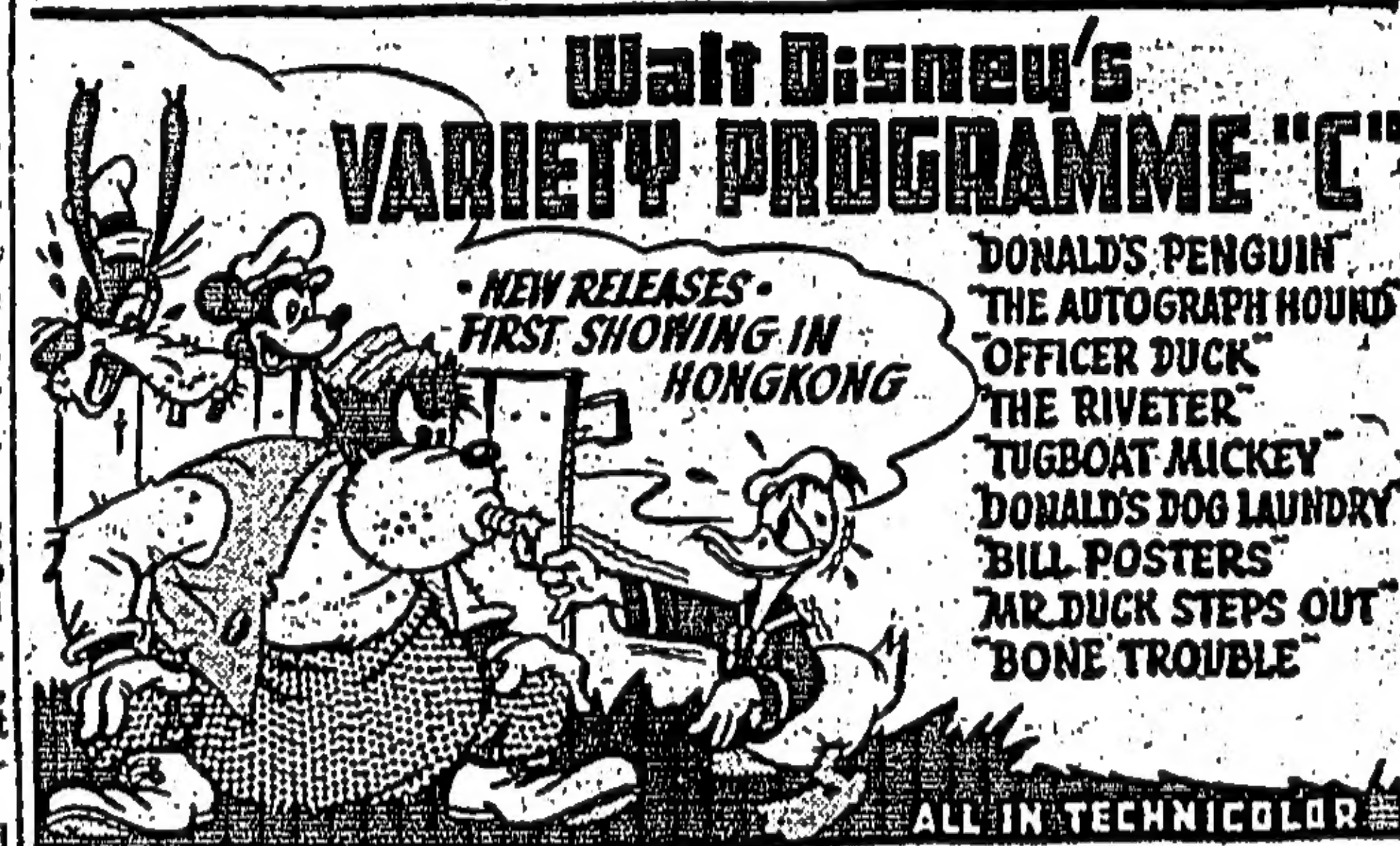


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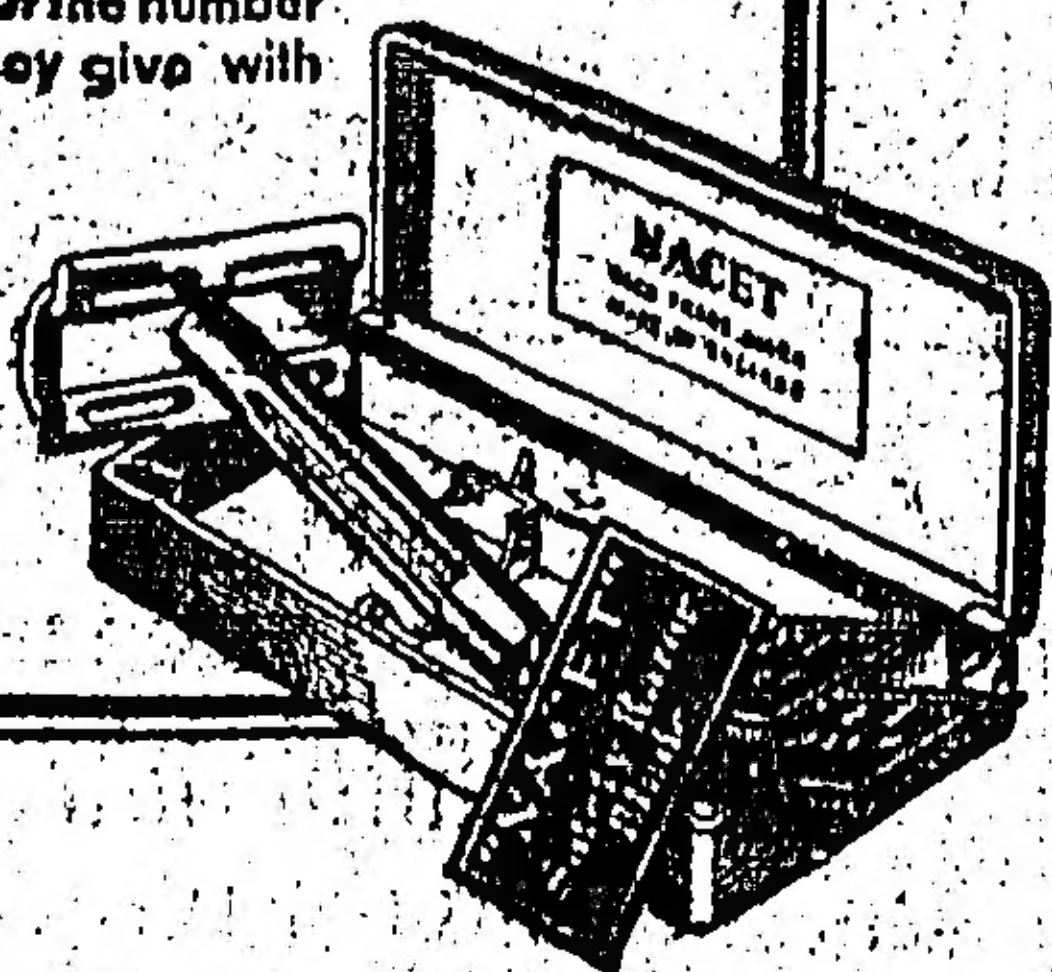
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IRISH CHIEFS MAY MEET IN LONDON

FAILING RECONCILIATION between the Ulster and Eire Governments over the twin problems of neutrality and defence, the Prime Minister may step in and invite Lord Craigavon and Mr. de Valera to a round-table conference in London.

Service chiefs are gravely concerned over the continuance of the dispute between the two Irish Premiers. Until they compose their differences all matters relating to the defence of Ireland as a whole against invasion are in suspense.

Plans for the protection of Northern Ireland are, naturally, a close secret, but it may be stated that nothing has been left to chance.

Eire is the weak spot. No one doubts the sincerity of Mr. de Valera's determination to defend Eire against enemy attacks but there are grave fears about his ability to do so.

I.R.A. 'Gauleiter'?

Faced with these problems, Mr. Churchill may take the initiative and request the two leaders — so alike, yet so different, in the passionate belief they have in their cause — to thrash out their dispute with him.

Meantime, it is reported from reliable quarters abroad, that Sean Russell, the former chief of the "I.R.A." General Staff, who is now living in Berlin, is planning to become Hitler's "gauleiter" in Ireland.

Berlin is trying to enlist the sympathies of Russell's supporters in Eire to form a Fifth Column. Main object is to prevent an agreement between Eire and Ulster for a united front against a German invasion.

These efforts are meeting with little success, for the moderate elements among the Republican movement reject the argument that Eire would be better off, politically and economically, under Nazi "protection" than she is now as an independent State within the British Commonwealth.

'THE WORST BEGGAR IN THE WORLD'

Alfred Frederick Marks, who was sentenced at Marlborough Street Police Court to 28 days' imprisonment for wandering in the West End to beg or gather alms, told the Magistrate:—

"I must be the worst beggar in the world, for I still haven't a penny to my name."

He had, in fact, three farthings.

BATTERED BOMBER'S ORDEAL

Caught in a gunfire barrage which he said could only be described as "terrific," the pilot of a night bomber carried out his allotted job of work and returned to his home base with shell holes through both wings, both rudders and one airscrew damaged and the tail wheel smashed.

The bomber's objective was an important naval target in Germany.

They reached the Jade river with a large hole in the port wing where a shell had gone through and, turning south, came down to 50 feet over the Jade Basin to make certain of locating their target.

"Within a few minutes we seemed to be the target for every anti-aircraft battery in North-West Germany," the report continued.

'Plane Pepered

"A shell went through our starboard wing and another, which caught us close to the starboard engine, dented the starboard airscrew and peppered the fuselage with splinters.

"The tail wheel and both our rudders were hit, and the navigator was struck with shell splinters, which lodged in his clothing."

The captain, with great difficulty, succeeded in climbing to just over a thousand feet. He called up his rear gunner, and, getting no reply, sent his wireless operator to investigate.

The operator came back to report "No ammunition left." Between them, the two rear gunners had peppered military ground targets with thousands of rounds of machine-gun fire.

SAILORS ADRIFT FOR SIX DAYS

Two Scots marine engineers, James Thomas, of Linnithgow, and James Hopkins, of Bathgate, West Lothian, have arrived home after a trying ordeal at sea. Their ship was lost through enemy action.

They were among 23 survivors of a British vessel, who took to the only lifeboat, were six days on the water before being picked up by a trawler, lived on ship's biscuits and three spoonfuls of water each man per day.

The survivors were exhausted when rescued and taken to a south-west port.

SO DISGUSTED HE JOINED THE ARMY

The chief recruiting officer at Leeds Naval Recruiting Office was at Leeds sentenced to four months' imprisonment and fined £50 for corruptly attempting to obtain £3 from a man by saying he could get him into the Navy.

The officer was Frederick Arthur Rackham.

Mr. T. A. L. Stephenson, the recruit, stated that he was so disgusted that he went out and joined the Army.



Diana Lewis, now known as Mrs. William Powell, relaxes at the edge of her swimming pool. Miss Lewis, who displays such pep and vitality, will be seen in Eddie Cantor's latest production, "Forty Little Mothers."



HITTING BACK

The decisive superiority of British fighters has been proved by the failure of the largest enemy bombing raids so far to cause much material damage to important objectives. The German losses in machines and men have been heavy enough to make Goering pause and pause again before intensifying his daylight raids. He must look round for other means of breaking Britain's resistance and undermining the morale of her people, whom every bombing raid makes more grimly determined than ever to fight on to the end.

The enemy is, of course, minimising his losses and magnifying the damage caused by the mass raids on London. But the world will prefer to believe the British version of the results of every air fight, for it is well known that Nazi propaganda has always been based on Hitler's theory of the "moral" value of disseminating lies of colossal dimensions.

Meanwhile British successes in the long-range bombing of enemy territory cannot be concealed. These raids by the R.A.F. must convince the German people of the futility of Goering's boast that the Reich would always be immune from air attacks. According to neutral reports, industrial life in the Ruhr and Western Germany, including coastal towns, has suffered serious dislocation. During August British machines dropped 32,000 bombs over Germany, as compared with 7,000 dropped by the enemy over Britain. The R.A.F. attacks have always been directed at specific objectives and pressed home with the utmost vigour against vital military targets whenever they are discernible. No bombs are wasted by being scattered indiscriminately or dropped on open fields. Here again superiority of training and morale has made up for numerical inferiority. And when the R.A.F. hits back with renewed vigour, after the blitzkrieg against Britain has failed, Hitler will have a grim account to settle with his own people.

On Being British

By W. J. MONKS

Chairman of the Shanghai Club,
in a Broadcast

"On being British—just a peg on which to hang a few random thoughts, so much at random that one hardly knows which one to hang up first. One that is just flitting by at the moment is a passing memory of that peculiarly English book and play entitled '1066 and All That,' in which—many of the events, recounted with such humorous distortion, were declared to be Good Things. With all this unholy business that is going on in the world just now, it seems to me that in these times to be British is a Good Thing; more than that, it is definitely the Best Thing.

"But what is this business of being British? The answer to this question would be easier if we were endowed with the faculty, as Robert Burns put it, of seeing ourselves as others see us. Of course, he did not put it that way at all but I don't speak his language very well and I prefer to be on safer ground and use an English translation. But since we have not the faculty in question, which is undoubtedly one of the merciful acts of Providence designed to spare us what might often prove to be an unpleasant spectacle, the next best thing is to listen to what others have to say about us and try and get the picture that way.

Take It As It Comes

"Most of us who have lived out here for a number of years have acquaintance with a large circle of people of other nationalities and in many cases personal friendships sufficiently close to permit of free and easy exchange of remarks on the others' fellow's peculiar national characteristics. There's always, too, the sort of chap who does not wait for a very advanced degree of acquaintanceship before handing out some fairly blunt opinions. Well, there's one thing about being British, we can take it all as it comes, and generally find it rather amusing. Now what do some of them say?

"I well remember the remark of one of the old-style Chinese business men, whose knowledge of our language was confined to the good, old picturesque 'pidgin' English. It was in 1927, when the units of the British Division were arriving here and he had been watching that fine battalion of the Coldstream Guards marching past his premises on Broadway. 'Hiya!' said he, 'this Genial Duncan blong dam fool!' On enquiring why he should think that he replied 'How fashion he bling such large man this side? So big man never can makee hide!' I assured him that it was the other fellow who would do, and take, all the hiding that was going, but he was quite unconvinced of the wisdom of having six feet odd of body to be potted at when he fearfully believed that his own five feet nothing was more than enough. He went away muttering in all bewilderment 'This Englishman, my never can seeve he!'

French Opinion

"Then there was a French friend of mine who served as a liaison officer in the last war, who told me how horrified he had been on one of the first occasions that he visited a British sector, to find the troops singing with the greatest gusto, and with apparently the most poisonous venom, an English translation of the German Hymn of Hate. The way in which they spat out the word 'England' as the object of their hate appalled him and it was with difficulty that he was made to understand by English officers, who naturally enjoyed the humour of the thing, that it was all a demonstration of loyal affection for Blighty. But he never could understand it and was still puzzled over it years afterwards. What he did learn, however, was that when he was politely addressed by British colleagues by his own name it did not signify any personal interest in him, but that if they called him 'old Frog Face' it meant they really had begun to like him.

"One more opinion, that of a Dutch friend of mine, given quite recently. After some complimentary remarks on the British effort in this war, very sincerely expressed, he said that he was very afraid that when the whole business was over and the Allies had knocked seven hells out of the Nazi brutes, we British would as usual turn soft-hearted and, as he put it, do this 'oricket-playing stuff.' I might have reminded him of the historic remark of a man of

another nationality, a German, who also considered this to be a British characteristic, for was it not Bismarck who once said, after bringing off successfully a typical piece of German duplicity, 'English will always be fools but we shall never be gentlemen.' A remark which, as to its latter half, at any rate, testified that Bismarck knew his own people thoroughly for certainly they never will be gentlemen. And if the spirit of 'playing cricket' as the expression is, is from the German point of view synonymous with being foolish, then the first half of the remark is happily true too.

"So there are four opinions, and we might go on and pick out a good many more, but it begins to look as if we should get very little out of them but the one obvious fact that nobody seems to understand us and that the way they see us presents to them only an unsolved puzzle. It seems therefore that we shall after all have to try and take a side glance at ourselves.

Puzzling Qualities

"Now what is this business of being British? What are these curious qualities of ours which so puzzle our neighbours of other nationalities? What is it about us that makes us so hard to be understood by other people, even those most friendly disposed towards us? In a recent speech one of our political leaders used an expression which I believe supplies the answer to these combined questions as nearly as it can be summed up in one single word; it is our British complacency. And we must admit that a good, round, smug complacency can be just about the most irritating of attitudes.

"This complacency which we habitually exhibit is found in almost all our works. The most generally accepted symbol of the British Empire is the lion, but do we ever depict him, in the ordinary way, as a rip-roaring, and fearsome-looking beast? As a matter of fact he is usually more reminiscent of the label on a well-known treacle tin, lying lazily oblivious to the swarm of insects buzzing around his head and typifying the quotation which ap-

pears beneath him in that particular setting. 'Out of the strong comes forth sweetness.' It is just that attitude which, in normal times, makes us so incomprehensible to other people who can see in it only laziness in thought and action, indifference to many of the things which they consider vital, a general disinclination to be disturbed in our easy-going, comfortable way of doing things, even to the point of permitting what they consider indignities to be offered with impunity. What they mostly miss, of course, is the underlying basis of it all, our British code of conduct, the instinctive knowledge of the things that 'simply aren't done' and a reluctance amounting almost to refusal to believe it possible that some other people do them. And because of this basic attitude and mode of thought the British Lion seems unperturbed and almost oblivious to all that goes on around him, only occasionally giving a dab at a more than usually unpleasant tormentor but not bestirring himself unduly and treating most things as just nuisances to appear.

And what is it that eventually arouses him to real attention and causes him to look round and see what really is going on? Not the extra twist given to his own tail but the urgent cry for help from one of the smaller, inoffensive and defenceless animals wantonly attacked by the hyenas and jackals, the people who 'do the things which simply aren't done.' As long as only he himself is being bothered it doesn't seem to matter, much, but this bullying of the weaker ones is quite a different matter and must be looked into. It is then that he bestirs himself and takes stock of the situation, only to find that during his too long siesta the unclean beasts have multiplied rapidly and have persuaded themselves of his impotent senility and merely deride his attempts to bring about peace and quietness again. All peace-making arguments having failed he decides at long last that it is high time to jump off the treacle tin and to give a hand to the decent animals in defence of their common security.

Ready For The Fray

"And now we are in another stage of being British. No longer

are we symbolised by a somnolent picture of sweetness on a treacle tin but by a living animal, with head held high, fangs bared and tail swishing, ready and willing for the fray, not for any reasons of selfish conquest but as defender of the articles of the code in which we believe, faithfulness to our friends, decency in thought and action, freedom and security for all, great or small, and assured of the eventual establishment of the common right over bestial might, however long and fierce the struggle.

"Perhaps in this stage our friends will begin to understand us a little better. We shall fight in our own way and we shall 'play cricket' as long as we can, abandoning no rule until such rule no longer exists by reason of its complete expunging by opponents who scruple without compunction all the rules of God or man. And this is when it becomes a little harder task to keep on being 'British.' Our natural instinct always to play clean and stick to the rules makes it all the more difficult to break them, even when the other side deliberately and shamelessly plays foul. We somehow cannot bring ourselves to believe that machine-gunning refugee women and children, sinking a shipload of souls in the open ocean without warning and without means of survival, bombing and burning a country village, shooting down mercilessly those engaged only in acts of mercy and the relief of suffering, can possibly help us to gain the final object. We refuse to hit below the belt although forced to take foul blows ourselves. But there is a point when we are brought to the realisation that all the rules have gone by the board, that one cannot 'play cricket' with mad dogs and that their destruction must be sought and encompassed by measures which we shall heartily detest in the using and which will be discarded immediately the job is done. But we shall still be British enough to use such measures only against the dirty players on the other side and not against the crowd on the side lines, as long as they stay outside the ropes. And when it is all over we shall be able to have a wash and brush-up, as we do after any other unpleasant but necessary job of work, and know that our hands are as clean as before, and that the temporary soiling of them has been with the alth of the adversary and not our own.

Firm Resolution

"It is in these circumstances that we have to resolve more firmly than ever to be British, refusing to believe that any cause can eventually be won by lowering the standard of our code but steadfastly sure that the clean strength of right will assuredly prevail over the bestial brute force of might. There is a song which says 'There'll always be an England, and England shall be free, if England means as much to you as England means to me.' That is the spirit of being British in these times, that is the thought which we must sustain with all our heart and soul, to which we must cling with all the tenacity of the British bulldog, which never slackens its grip until either he or his foe is dead—and the British bulldog does not die! There'll always be an England as long as you and I and all the countless millions of our Empire believe in our British destiny and never relax our determination to be, and always to be, British.

"In conclusion I would like to repeat to you a few short lines which appeared in a recent issue of 'Punch,' which set forth, in the simple language of the man in the village pub, the essence of that spirit of determination to hold on at all costs which we must grip fast until the job is done—'It's better by far, sez Sam to me, as we drinks our ale at 'The Mulberry Tree,'

'It's better by far, I've allus said, to lose yer 'at than lose yer 'ead.

When things goes off the rails a bit some makes a song and dance of it;

It's better by far, I do declare, to lose yer shirt than lose yer 'air.

A man be like to look a fool as can't be keeping calm and cool;

It's better by far, you take my tip, to lose yer pants than lose

Camp Hospital

The Military Invalid

After only a few weeks in the Army I have had my knowledge of Army life improved by spending some days in a military hospital as a prelude to a minor operation in a civil hospital near by. To me "military hospital" is a name that has always suggested Scutari with Florence Nightingale stepping carefully among bodies, for, less unreasonably, modern hospitals with discipline stepped up to an almost penal degree. In this camp hospital I have found neither impression confirmed. True, the first thing you get to read is a list of "orders for patients" in military hospitals" forbidding all the things that make life worth while in illness, but it is soon obvious that these rules are not strictly interpreted. No doubt they would be if the hospital were full of seriously wounded men, but at present it holds soldiers suffering from a miscellany of civilian ailments. At any time there is almost sure to be a septic foot in one bed—a recruit whose boots have proved too much for him. Three beds recently contained cookhouse casualties—one food poisoning, one gastric catarrh, and myself. Where I am concerned the cook's guilt is a matter of dispute (and only contributory), so the least said the better. We have had a malarial Irishman, a bronchial one, and still have a stomachic Glaswegian.

The nurses are V.A.D.s, the doctors are in battle dress, and the orderlies too, but there is little military stiffness. You have to stand still or sit still and stop whatever you are doing if an officer comes in; if you are fit you must make your down bed and scrub your own locker. Otherwise this is like a pleasantly conducted cottage hospital where there are no distressing cases and no disciplinary mania. Indeed, the hospital might induce a tendency to hypochondria in those who have seen it. Apart from the boredom of lying idle in bed there are many aspects of hospital life here which make it the most enjoyable place in camp. For one thing the food is better. The beds are sprung, the pillows fairly soft, and the sheets are white. Between meals there is cocoa and biscuits twice daily. Even the odd notion of planning the hospital with a sewage plant on one side and an open rifle range on the other causes no discomforts, for though one is rather noisy the other is fortunately not noisome.

Since there is more time for talk, I find it easy to get to know people in hospital. Soldiers have a few favourite subjects of conversation—they are easy to guess. Home comes first and the joys of civilian life. Army experiences come next. We spend a long time exchanging grouses and hints—methods of getting round the less important Army rules, ways of keeping boots under control, how to wash socks and shirts, how to get on with N.C.O.s, who are much more important to the ranker than the highest officers.

This camp hospital is a great achievement, and it is at all typical of the normal military hospital I think no soldier has anything to fear from entering any of those once forbidding places.

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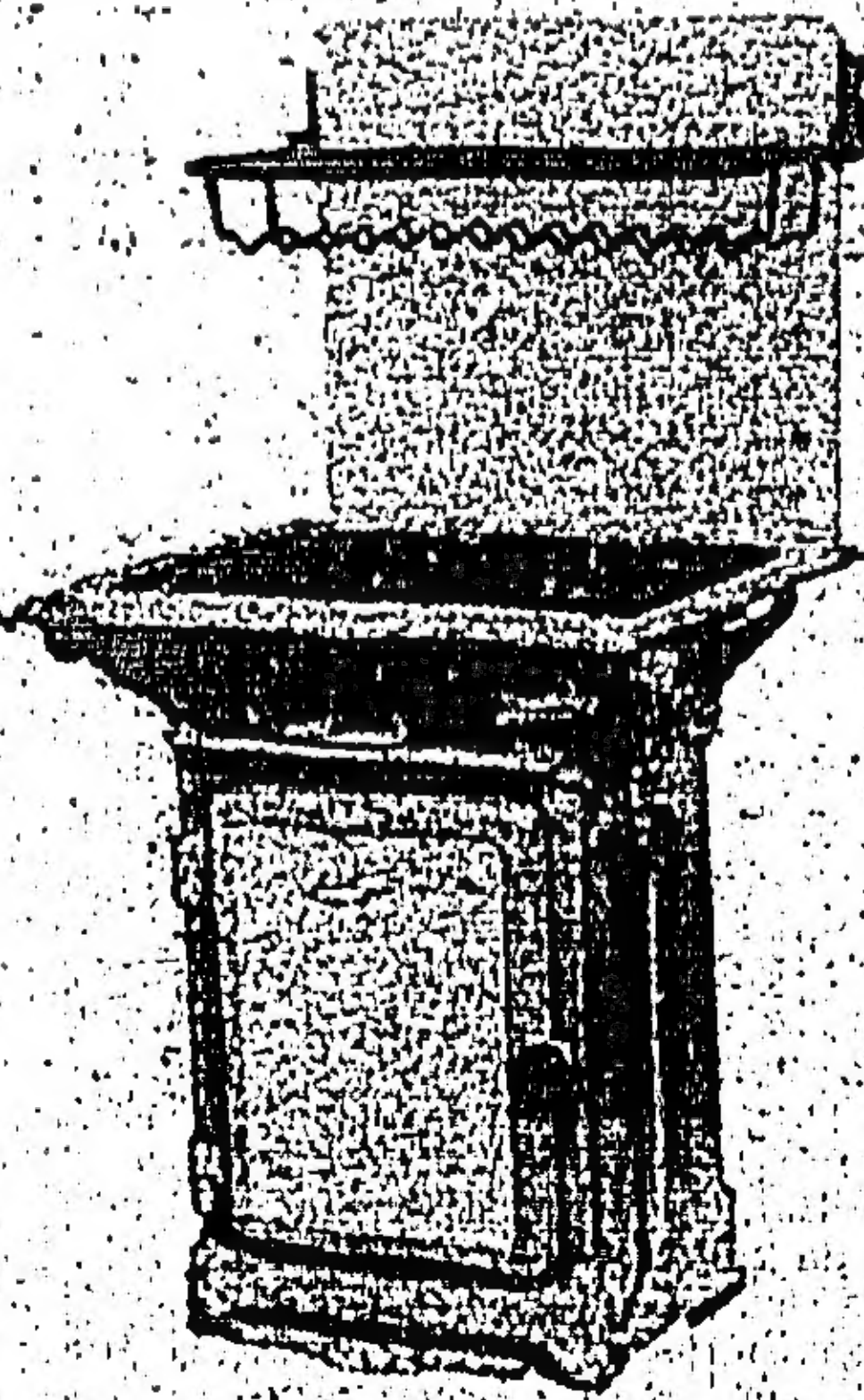
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CLOCK-WORK A.R.P. IN S.E. AIR RAID

I HAVE JUST RETURNED from a South-East Coast town, where I experienced my first air raid of the war — not the first raid, by any means, to which this town has been subjected, writes a correspondent.

It was early morning when the first bomb crashed and the A.R.P. system started into action.

A warden, a policeman and I located the bomb. The control centre was told; the search for injured inhabitants, damage to gas, water and electric mains hurriedly made, and, in turn, reported to the centre.

Within two minutes first aid, rescue, demolition and police squads were there. In another 12 minutes another search had been carried out and the roadway cleared by the demolition squad of several tons of debris and a tree which had been uprooted and hurled across the road. Another two minutes and the vicinity had been barricaded off and the immediate task completed. That was my timing of the swiftest and neatest jobs I have seen.

Unexploded Bomb

Then came to us a report that an unexploded bomb had penetrated a garden 100 yards away. A quick decision by the police and prompt action; 35 people from six adjoining streets were got out of their homes and billeted with neighbours outside the danger zone. The authorities were not risking damage, and probably loss of life from a delayed action bomb.

And so back to their post, each to his allotted task within 20 minutes of the tremendous thump that set my pulse racing, but did nothing more than sharpen the faculties and urge these A.R.P. men to action.

The high pitch of efficiency to which this system has been brought is clearly exemplified in a head warden's first comment to me when his job had been done. "That worked very well: it went so smoothly it was more like practice."

To those men who so frequently dare the dangers of raids, dog-fights, machine-gun bullets and shrapnel, it was mere practice put into reality by the actual work for which they had prepared themselves in days of less air activity.

Women in A.R.P.

More than 1,500 A.R.P. workers are "on tap" in this town, and among the 323 warden there are 218 part-time men and 56 part-time women, with 50 voluntary workers in addition to the 49 whole time men. That is the numerical strength of the force, but the real power behind it is the extraordinary enthusiasm that makes for efficiency.

Among the transport, demolition, rescue, first aid, stretcher, mortuary and A.F.S. parties are men whose normal life is an undisturbed business quietude.

Shopkeepers have converted their little closets behind their counters into dressing-rooms; a call from headquarters and within seconds they are into uniform and out for duty without bothering to stop and shut up shop. That is happening in many parts of the town. Indeed, during a recent alarm I saw a special constable in his uniform and with kit cycling through the streets on a tradesman's cycle!

Untold thus far is the heroism of a 33-year-old woman warden, Mrs. Allen, who was injured when she was dressing to go on duty during a raid. She was struck in the face by a splinter of glass when the first bomb fell and had an eye injured.

She has lost the sight of the eye. But here is her comment in a letter to her head warden: "I've got my other eye, my strength and my limbs, so what have I got to worry about? I shall be back at my post soon!"

Well, there is the spirit that goes to make a service for which its chief has the highest regard and admiration, and which has placed itself on a high pedestal in the esteem of a much more confident community.

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V.C. A.R.P. WORKER

Mr. Jack White, the Jewish V.C., who had to leave the Salord Home Guard because his father was not British, and who was not readmitted despite Mr. Eden's assurances in the House of Commons, has left the force for good.

He has sent the following telegram to Mr. C. G. Ammon, M.P., who took up his case:—"Thanks for interest taken. Am now happy in A.R.P. Have no desire to join Home Guard after humiliating treatment of L.D.V. authorities."

Mr. White won his V.C. for gallantry in Mesopotamia. His father, a Russian, lived in England for 50 years, but did not seek naturalisation.

PUNISH LOSERS OF SECRET PAPERS

In an endeavour to stop the serious "epidemic" of important and secret documents and blue prints being left in trains by War Office and other Ministry officials, the Government has asked railways to hand in the documents at the nearest police station immediately.

Instead of the loser being able to escape the consequences of his carelessness by paying a nominal fee at the lost property office, responsibility for the loss can be fixed and disciplinary action taken against the offender.

Nazis will not scare us out of our home-town, is the cry. Nothing will induce them to leave the shore when dog-fights are going on over the sea.

"It is a source of worry to me," the chief constable told me. "They hear the bombers, see our fighters go up and flock to vantage points cheering every move of our pilots. Even some of my reserve police have been guilty of such an indiscretion!"



Looks like Jack Benny has lassoed a julu. She's Ellen Drew, who plays opposite the comedian in his newest picture, "Buck Benny Rides Again" which Paramount presents to-morrow at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

THE TOWN OF MISSING MEN

Kendal, Westmorland, has become known as a town of missing men.

Ninety soldiers, belonging to the town have been officially posted as missing. They were members of a "Pals" company of a battalion of the Border Regiment, which, it is believed, was surrounded by the enemy in a wood near the Somme.

There is not a street in the town where official notification of missing soldiers has not been received by one or more families.

However, hope was revived among the relatives of these 90 men when three previously reported missing were officially stated to be prisoners of war. A young wife, whose husband is missing, told a Press Association reporter: "There's a big war on and we must not get a bad example by getting downhearted."

Mrs. Ormrod, of Nicholls Wood Farm, Withstack, read a postcard from her son who had been mourned as dead. He is a prisoner and says he is quite well.



Joan Blondell, George Murphy and Lana Turner, co-starred in M.G.M.'s new streamlined musical, "Two Girls on Broadway."



Spencer Tracy snapped at his Encino ranch with his two youngsters, Suzanne and John. This photo was taken shortly before the star left for location in Idaho to make "Northwest Passage."

REBUILD BRITAIN MINISTRY FOR AFTER THE WAR

PLANS FOR A Ministry of Building — to undertake the rebuilding of the country after the devastation of the war — are under consideration now, Mr. John Marchbank, the railway Union leader, told the annual conference of Trade Councils, in London.

"The jerry-builder and the potential creator of slums must be eliminated," said Mr. Marchbank, who also said that "the way was being prepared" for a State Medical Service.

Mr. Marchbank and other speakers dealt at length with the question of Labour and Trade Union cooperation in the present Government. In this connection, statements of Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the T.U.C., were noteworthy.

He declared that the T.U.C. had agreed to the ban on strikes, and that it was impossible at this time for the Labour Party to demand the removal of the "Men of Munich" from the Government.

Mr. Marchbank replied to criticisms of the T.U.C. leadership, and "charges of secret meetings," saying that "the General Council has initiated more discussions of policy than at normal times."

Mr. W. Holmes, T.U.C. president, forecast "even more difficult and dangerous times" ahead, and declared that not all the enemies of the working-class movement were outside it.

Sir Walter Citrine said, "We have to see that our movement has recognition at the hands of the State."

"We were successful in getting a Conservative Prime Minister to instruct every one of his Departments that it was necessary that the Trade Unions should be consulted if the interests of their members were even remotely affected."

'Men Of Munich'

"We are not going to allow political action to be substituted for direct Trade Union action. We shall insist on our rights wherever the interests of our members are concerned, and Governments who are wise in their generation will recognise it."

"There is now a clamour in certain quarters for the destruction of the present Government and the removal from it of certain statesmen who are held to be responsible for our present position. In the hour of danger like this it follows that we cannot feel very secure with people who bear the responsibility for our comparative state of unpreparedness. I accept that, but I ask you to remember two things. The first is that the Labour Party made its decision to go into the

Government on the same set of facts as those which exist to-day.

"The second is that the leaders of the Labour Party take the view that in a period of Coalition Government you cannot deny the rights of the Conservative or Liberal Parties to appoint men they trust and believe in."

"There will be a time when the responsibilities of individuals can be properly assessed, and when it comes some will bear a very heavy responsibility, and I am not sure if they will all be found in the ranks of our opponents."

Strikes Order

They had not yet reached the next vital stage in their relations with the Government — the demanding of compulsory recognition of Trade Unions both by employers and workers.

Answering questions, Sir Walter said that it was with the assent of the T.U.C. that the Order was made to bring in compulsory arbitration in certain eventualities.

CAPT. RAMSAY IN PRISON HOSPITAL

Captain A. H. M. Ramsay, M.P. for Peebles and Southern, who was detained under the Defence Regulations, is in hospital in Brixton Prison. Making the announcement in the Commons, Mr. O. Peake (Home Office) said Captain Ramsay was allowed out for exercise or association within the precincts of the gaol from 8.55 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and from 1.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

DUTCH 'PRIEST' DETAINED

A man dressed as a Dutch priest has been detained in Richmond, Surrey, as a Fifth Column suspect. His detention followed the initiative of Mrs. Keys, secretary of the local sub-committee for refugees.

During one of her visits, she was told that a Dutch priest was calling on refugees and telling them that within two months they would be released from British domination and out of the country.

"I warned other refugees to let me know immediately if they were visited by the priest," she told a reporter.

"Soon afterwards he made another call. This time the refugees detained him in conversation while they got in touch with me and I, in turn, informed the police."

SAW FIGHT — JOINED IN

An Anson reconnaissance aircraft of the Coastal Command, on Convoy duty, spotted a fight between some Spitfires and German bombers, joined in, and brought a bomber down.

The Anson, a hundred miles an hour slower than the Spitfires, fastened on to a German bomber, twisted and turned and nearly collided with it and eventually sent it crashing down into the sea.

While escorting a convoy the Anson pilot sighted three Heinkel 111's preparing to attack the ships. He climbed to intercept the bombers, and at 6,000ft. he found six more Heinkels. Then the Spitfires appeared. The Heinkels, pursued by the British fighters, sped past the Anson, which, however, was able to get on the tail of one of the bombers.

"I did not like the idea of this Heinkel getting away," the pilot said afterwards.



Ann Sothorn, as Garda, wife of amateur detective Joel Sloane, played by Franchot Tone, discovers her husband surrounded by this bevy of bathing beauties in "Fast and Furious."

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2028.	Wing Hong Street, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2705.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
							As per sale plan	About 34,000	\$463
									\$10,200

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Inland Lot No. 6069.	Blue Pool Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
							As per sale plan	About 50,000	\$918
									\$15,000

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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K Q 2
J 6
A Q 10 6
10 9 7
8 7 6 5
Q 9 5 4
7 3
K J
J 10 9 3
A 7 3
K J 9 8

The bidding:

North East South West
1♣ Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

When this hand was actually played, West opened the eight of hearts, dummy played the King, and East won with the Ace. East shifted to the deuce of diamonds, and South saw a one-trick set as the outcome. He knew that if West could win the trick and return the suit, the opponents could win three diamonds and two Aces.

Instead of giving up, he executed a technically unsound but psychologically correct play. He ducked, and when West played the diamond Queen, South solemnly played dummy's diamond Jack!

West immediately assumed that South had the Ace and ten of diamonds and was unblocking for a finesse. Without stopping to think, West shifted to the ten of spades — and now South had his contract!

Analysis would have told West that the whole thing was a fraud, for if South had the Ace and ten of diamonds he would welcome a diamond return instead of trying to steer West away from it. But not all defenders analyse, so "swindles" like this one can often be used successfully.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both side vulnerable, you held:

A K J 7 3
K 5 3
9
J 8 6 2

The bidding:

You Jacoby Schenken Moler
1♣ Pass 2♣ 2♥
(?) Pass 2♦ 2♥

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Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the U.S. Ambassador, bidding in person at Christie's purchased for £300 the silver-gilt tea service, weighing 39oz., presented by the Queen to the Red Cross Fund.

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Score 100% for pass, 40% for two spades.

QUESTION NO. 521

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

Q 10 3
9 6 3 2
A 8 4
K Q J

The bidding:

Burstone You Schenken Jacoby
1♣ Pass 2♥ 2♥
3♣ Pass 6♣ Pass
6♣ Pass Pass Pass

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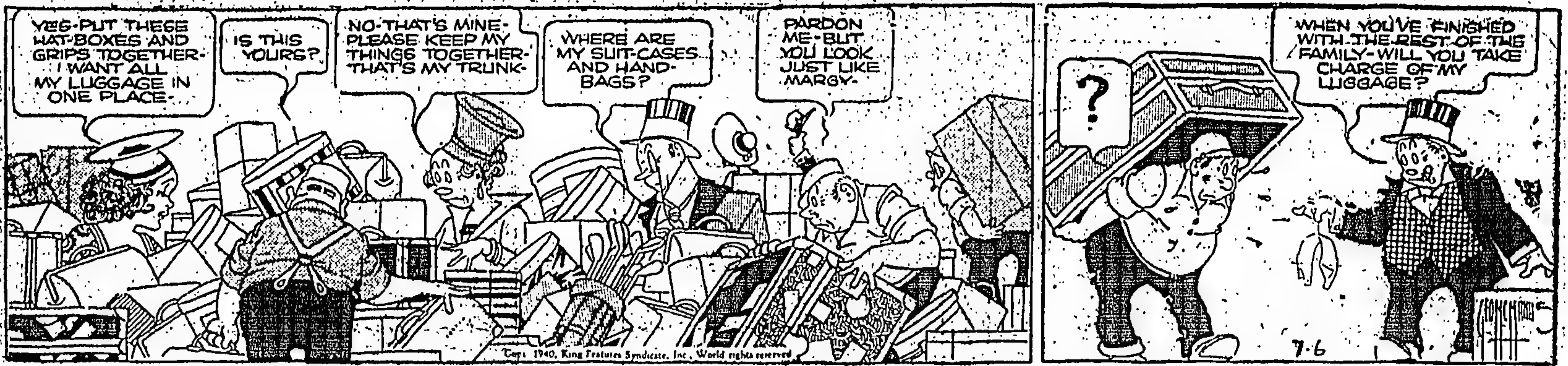
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

We Must Not Lose Dress-Consciousness

Because the women of England have been swept into uniform with a temporary loss of "dress-consciousness" there is no necessity for the women of the world to lose their femininity.

English women have a job of work to do beside their men, and they are doing it without a thought for themselves and regardless of the fact that their appearance may suffer, but gradually the idea that uniforms should be "for business only" will return. The women of the world cannot afford to lose their femininity or their sense of proportions.

It is up to us to provide a cheerful background for the men who are fighting. The average man intensely dislikes women in uniform, and the French women respond to that feeling, but English women do not allow dress-consciousness to enter into their work at all. In France few French women "went into uniform." The attitude of the French Government also was that, as women already had their own clothes, why supply them with others that would probably be less attractive? Even in wartime women usually dislike regimentation of their clothes and the subsequent loss of individuality.

Uniform Contrasts

But, as English women seemed determined to wear their uniforms or styles with uniform emphasis—they are even dancing in trousered uniforms at some of the clubs—they will be encouraged to wear contrasts to the men. If a woman's husband is in the Army she will be advised to wear bright blue, as in brownish shades she would look drab beside him, or if he is in the Air Force, she will wear green to contrast with his blue uniform. If the women wear uniforms similar to their men they look so nondescript.

If fashion-consciousness is lost entirely by women during the war there will be a tremendous trade disorganisation, for women spend millions of pounds on fashion whims every year.

Colour-Matching Service

Already overseas shops have been closed because women are not buying clothes. One of the big stores in London has



Squealing brakes like squeaking shoes always make themselves heard at the most inopportune time.

inaugurated a colour-matching service for its customers who have left London for the duration of the war. They have a colour

chart with six basic colours and everything from scarves, hats, gloves, and handkerchiefs, to evening frocks, coats, and sports clothes can be obtained in these colours. If you have a suit in one of these basic shades, by merely writing to the store they will have a blouse or hat made up in the same or a matching shade, and you can be assured that it will match. It is an excellent scheme, and whatever colour you wear you can always be sure of accessories to tone exactly.

Pre-Invasion Paris

It is always interesting to identify the frocks of the various designers. Schiaparelli's things are always slightly extreme and very beautiful, with odd little things that could not have been thought of by anyone else but her. One of her new wool frocks had little cotton-reels as buttons down the front, and another had those old-fashioned darning-wool cards with her name written across the front instead of the brand.

On certain days different things were rationed in Paris, and on one of her thirty-six-inch-square handkerchiefs was a circular design with the words, "Tuesday, no butter, but love"; "Wednesday, no cakes, but love"; and so on, ending with "Sunday, everything and love."

It is always simple to identify Balenciaga's creations because of the beautiful cut shoulder-lines. A new designer who was becoming famous in Europe was Albuoy, a Russian who had an old little hat shop about the size of a hat-box. It had unusual decorations with brown hessian curtains and furnishings. He was particularly fond of hats with odd little bits at the back and handkerchiefs threaded through them.

"HOODED" MEN OF FRANCE

Defence of eminent Cagoulauds—the Fascist-plotting Hooded Men of France—and an argument that the Petain Government's "peace negotiations" were preferable to "the setting up of a Communist Government in Paris by the Germans," are outstanding points in a now notorious "Memorandum No. 20" of Lord Phillimore's Imperial Policy Group.

One of the authors of the memorandum makes the astonishing claim that it was calculated to carry out Mr. Churchill's policy in respect of France.

He is Mr. Kenneth de Courcy. His Memorandum, No. 20, reads, in part:—

"Just before the last battle started a distinguished though unofficial French visitor arrived in London. He explained that the loss of Paris was almost inevitable—that there was reason to fear that the Germans would set up a Communist Government in Paris which would undoubtedly be widely supported throughout the country. He was therefore of the opinion that it would be far better that terms should be negotiated by some reliable and properly constituted Government than by revolutionaries."

Mr. de Courcy said: "We were simply concerned to report the fact that these opinions were held by informed and intelligent people in France."

"Friends Of Spain"

"So far as our general attitude to the present French Government is concerned," he said, "I think it is precisely coincident with that of Mr. Churchill. The statement we drafted was very carefully calculated to carry out the Prime Minister's policy in respect of France."

Lord Phillimore, head of the group, is also Chairman of the "Friends of Spain," the British supporters of General Franco.

BEAUTY CARE

Days on the beach mean you must prepare your skin against dryness by wearing a coat of sun cream, and by lubricating it at night, after the evening tubbing. Not only your face—but all exposed skin of neck and shoulders, chest, and arms.

During the day, don't clog your skin by putting on make-up.

If you get too much sun on the beach, you should not jump into a tub of water. Instead anoint your skin freely with a lotion or oil to prevent that dry scaling which is so horrible. Don't take a bath for twelve hours, at least. Simply wipe off the excess cream or oil carefully and don a cool cotton dress.

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If you go in for midriff play suits, and evening gowns you must give thought to that exposed area of skin. It should be the same shade as your face and arms, no lighter, no darker. And you should never permit it to sunburn! So anoint it with protective oil or lotion every time you lie under the sun. That spot is tender and it will need lubrication throughout the entire season.

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12.30 p.m.—Prokofiev—Concerto No. 3 in C Major played by the Composer with the London Symphony Orchestra.
12.55 p.m.—Song by Chaliapine.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Richard Tauber in a Light Orchestral Concert.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Ambrose and his Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Schumann—Fantasia in C Major. Backhaus (Piano).
6.30 p.m.—Szeged (Violin).
6.52 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.54 p.m.—Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" Intermezzo and Act III.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Programme of Light Opera.
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log".
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
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LEAGUE PLAY-OFF WILL BE HELD AT CAROLINE HILL TO-DAY

"No Further Delay" - League Committee Edict

JESUIT FATHERS MAKE DEBUT TO-MORROW

By "Grandstand"

AT A LEAGUE COMMITTEE meeting held at the Brooks Club on Wednesday last, it was decided to settle the H.B.-Mindanao League deadlock once and for all during the week-end. Slated to start at 3 p.m. to-day, these two teams will clash in the play-off for the Bagram Shield and Vogue trophy, in what promises to be the greatest diamond duel to be seen in these shores. So far the count is even, each team having won and lost one game apiece, and sharing a 0-0 decision in the play-off game.

The entire proceeds will be arly affected. Since the League donated to the Bomber Fund, and is adamant in its decision to have since there is every indication of a repetition of the previous record, gate receipts, fans are reminded to be out there early, or else they will be just out of luck. There is an old custom of "first come, first served."

For the first time in local baseball history, the game will be conducted in pukka style, and there will be one umpire for each base. Nick Beltrao, Charlie Figueiredo, and Henry Barros will take charge of the bases, whilst Grandpa Leung, one of the best, will call the pitches behind the plate.

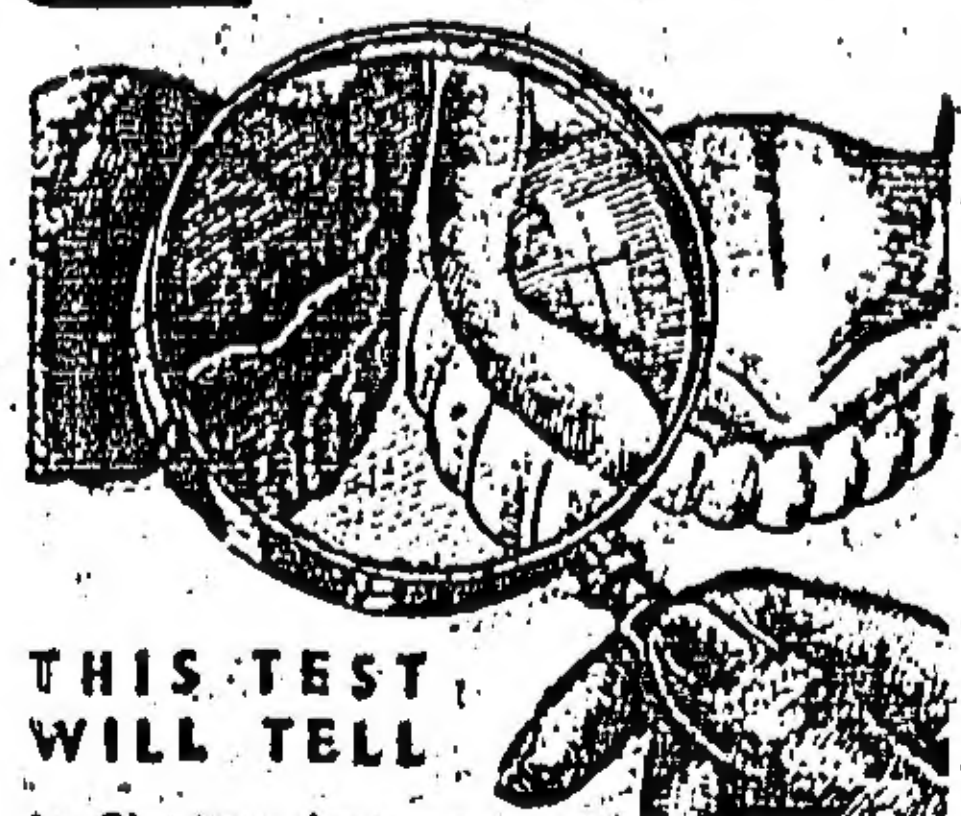
Take Advantage Of Clause

The Mindanao team will field as many of their players as possible, but they will take advantage of the clause granted by the League Committee allowing them to field any two men from any of Uncle Sam's battle waggons in port.

Cecil "Horseface" Douglas will hold the initial sack, with playing-manager, Poochie Chase guarding the midway cushion. Crooner Ruel will hold the hot corner. This will leave the windy alley open for either "Bolo" Orzajac or Rabbi Rabacchi of the Mighty T. to fill.

Out in the garden, Wilson will be shagging flies in the left, whilst the centre and right garden keepers have not yet been decided upon. Leave of absence from Volunteer duties not being granted, the H.B. team will be without the services of Dave Leonard and Lefty Joe Bowen, two of the team's heaviest sluggers, whilst most of their reserves are similar.

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Outsider:—Sylvandale.

Race No. 2:
SAPPER
AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND
CONTACT
Outsider:—Many Thanks.

Race No. 3:
RESISTING TIME
EVE OF DANCING
BLUE FIELD
Outsider:—Taxing Master.

Race No. 4:
ROWAN
PUMPERNICKEL
VICEROY
Outsider:—Flying Dutchman.

Race No. 5:
CONQUERING TIME
HUMDRUM EVE
AVON
Outsider:—Ronsen.

Race No. 6:
INCOME TAX
PICCADILLY JIM
BROWN DERBY
Outsider:—Centre Court.

Race No. 7:
VICTORIA
JANE DOE
SOLDIER OF BRITAIN
Outsider:—Advancing Time.

Race No. 8:
VENUS BAY
A GREEN TIME
GRAND ALLEGIANCE
Outsider:—Tarzan.

Race No. 9:
EBONY IDOL
DOUBLE CHANCE
VALOROUS
Outsider:—Golden Cow.

Race No. 10:
DAILY DOUBLE—CONQUERING TIME AND VICTORIA.

playing the bag. Ng Chun-wah will be holding the hot spot, whilst Nelson Ma will probably play short. In the outfield they have "Halfbreadth" Wong, Cecil Wing-lee, and "Smallee" Pang to chase the flies. Grandpa Leung will be bench boss.

U.S.G.A. STRAIGHTENS OUT GOLF TERMS; 'BOGEY' DOESN'T MEAN 'ONE OVER PAR'; DON'T SAY OPPONENT OR MATCH IS 'DORMIE'

BECAUSE it sometimes has difficulty in understanding questions which come to it due to confusion in terms used, the rules committee of the United States Golf Association straightens us out after all these years, writes Harry Grayson.

For example, "bogey" does not mean "one over par," as we have always believed. It means the score which a fair player should make on a given hole and so for an entire course. It parallels par. If a word meaning "one over par" is needed, the committee suggests a word be coined which will not conflict with one of established meaning. "Birdie" and "eagle" are such useful words.

"Twosome" is not a golf term at all.

If one man plays against another, the match is a "single." In stroke play, two players competing together are a "couple."

"THREESOME" designates a match in which one player plays against two playing alternate strokes with one ball, such a match being rare. The word does not mean three players, each playing against the other. That is a three-ball match. Neither does "threesome" correctly designate three players competing together in a stroke competition, the proper word in such case being simply "three."

"Foursome" covers two players playing alternate stroke with one ball against two others playing one ball in match play, or against the field in stroke play.

There has been a tendency to use the word to cover a four-ball match, and so "Scotch foursome" has been used in some cases to distinguish between the two.

In some parts of the country, "Scotch foursome" is used to mean a four-ball match in which the best and worst ball or best and aggregate count. Another use of "Scotch foursome" is to describe a four-ball match in which only the total of the scores on one side counts on each hole. "California Scotch foursome" has been used to mean some form of four-ball match.

The rules do not cover best ball and aggregate, best and worst or similar types of matches.

The committee suggests that, "foursome" and "four-ball" be used in their proper sense.

"Medal play" has crept in as a synonym for "stroke play," but the latter is correct.

When a player, or his side, is as many holes up as there are holes remaining to play, he or his side is "dormie." It is incorrect to say that the opponent or the match is dormie.

So watch your golf language.

"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION			
Kowloon Dock	(—)	v. Kowloon C.C.	(—)
Civil Service	(50)	v. Recreation "B"	(80)
Police R.C.	(47)	v. Craigengower	(67)
Hong Kong F.C.	(50)	v. Kowloon B.G.C.	(73)
SECOND DIVISION			
Hong Kong C.C.	(57)	v. Kowloon Tong	(53)
Civil Service	(—)	v. Kowloon C.C.	(—)
Police R.C.	(48)	v. Craigengower	(62)
Recreation	(47)	v. Tai Koo	(48)
THIRD DIVISION			
Indian R.C.	(46)	v. Prison Officers	(67)
Kowloon B.G.C.	(61)	v. H.K. Electric R.C.	(64)
Craigengower	(57)	v. Hong Kong C.C.	(55)

Figures in brackets denote scores in first game this season.

PRISON OFFICERS SHOULD WIN TITLE

UNLESS SOMETHING very unexpected happens, the Third Division Lawn Bowls League title should be decided to-day when Prison Officers, present leaders, visit Sookunpoo to play Indian Recreation Club, who are at the bottom of the League table.

Electric, who are lying second in the table, are playing Kowloon Bowling Green Club and a keen struggle is expected with Kowloon Bowling Green Club winning by a small margin.

There are no games of any importance in the other divisions. Recreation "A," the champions, are having a rest while the nearest challengers, Craigengower, meet Police who have been the only team to beat Recreation.

A defeat for Craigengower will give Recreation "A" the title, but on form Craigengower should record a big win.

BOWLS TEAMS

RECREATION
First Division (v. C.S.C.C. Home): J. A. Remedios, C. A. Lopes, A. M. Rodrigues and B. Basto. (Skip): D. C. Alves, C. R. Basto, C. Roza Pereira and J. J. Soares. (Skip): F. X. Soares, Munro (skip); Hillon, Grimes, Watson Silva (skip).

Second Division (v. Tai Koo Home): C. F. Vas, H. R. Pinna, J. R. Soares and O. P. Remedios (Skip): F. X. Monteiro, P. M. N. Silva, F. A. Xavier and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip): M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Xavier and E. Sousa (Skip).

H.K.C.C.
Second Division (v. Kowloon Tong Home): N. D. Lloyd, J. L. Mount, J. Prentice and G. E. Costello (Skip): A. D. Humphreys, A. K. Mackenzie, R. A.

Skip's Three For Big Wins

Craigengower v. P.R.C. (First Division)
Craigengower v. P.R.C. (Second Division)
Prison Officers v. I.R.C.

Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip): W. J. Hansen, G. R. Hazavet, E. Hospes and R. R. Davies (Skip).

Third Division (v. Craigengower Away): J. Owen Hughes, T. C. Fairburn, E. S. Doughty and P. S. Cassidy (Skip): G. H. Bond, E. W. Hamilton, B. J. Lacon and W. A. Cornell (Skip): W. R. Lambert, L. E. N. Ryan, A. T. Lay and A. Nissim (Skip).

TAIKOO R.C.
Second Division (v. Recreation, away): Melrose, Coull, Stainton and Chalmers (skip); Bevalrd, McArthur, Main and (skip); Hillon, Grimes, Watson Silva (skip).

C.S.C.C.
First Division (v. Recreation "B" Away): J. Gellatly, A. B. Allan, J. W. Dean and M. N. Rakusen (Skip); M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, S. Eccleshall and H. E. Strange (Skip); C. J. Walker, L. A. Collyer, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (Skip).

Second Division (v. K.C.C. Home): F. S. Austin, W. D. Gardner, A. F. Shephard and W. R. Hillier (Skip); J. Hollidge, E. W. H. Colledge, A. Steven and E. Klrmon (Skip); P. D. Crawley, J. R. Carr, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (Skip).

REVISED TENNIS FIXTURES S. CHINA WIN TITLE

The third revised fixture list of the Lawn Tennis League, issued yesterday, is:

"A" DIVISION	
September 23	K.C.C. v. C.R.C.
September 30	S.C.A.A. v. H.K.U.T.C.
October 7	C.R.C. v. I.R.C.
October 14	H.K.U.T.C. v. K.C.C.
October 21	K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.
October 28	C.D.R. v. H.K.U.T.C.
"B" DIVISION	
September 24	A.T.C. v. K.C.C.
September 31	K.T.G.C.A. v. S.C.A.A.
October 8	I.R.C. v. C.D.R.
October 15	I.R.C. v. K.C.C.
October 22	K.C.C. v. C.R.C.
"C" DIVISION	
September 25	K.C.C. v. A.T.C.
September 26	J.R.C. v. C.D.R. (a)
September 27	C.D.R. (b) v. C.R.C.
September 28	H.K.U.T.C. v. S.C.A.A.
September 29	K.T.G.C.A. v. H.K.U.T.C.
October 6	C.R.C. v. A.T.C.
October 13	S.C.A.A. v. C.D.R. (a)
October 20	K.T.G.C.A. v. H.K.U.T.C.
October 27	K.T.G.C.A. v. J.R.C.
October 30	S.C.A.A. v. K.T.G.C.A.
October 31	C.R.C. v. K.T.O.
November 3	K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.
November 10	A.T.C. v. H.K.P.S.A.
November 17	K.T.G.C.A. v. C.D.R. (b)
November 24	K.T.G.C.A. v. A.T.C.
November 31	S.C.A.A. v. H.K.P.S.A.
December 8	H.K.U.T.C. v. H.K.P.S.A.
December 15	A.T.C. v. J.R.C.

SOFTBALL MATCH TO-MORROW

By "Grandstand"

During the current week softball enthusiasts have been noticed digging up their favourite sticks, carefully tucked away during the summer season, to provide evidence that softball fever will soon reach epidemic proportions.

A number of teams have already started practice, among them being two new teams, the Cyclones and the Indian Softball Club, the latter comprising a number of players from last year's victorious team in the International Series, which sensationally won the championship, after tumbling the Portuguese team in the first round.

The girls have not yet started practice although most of them are a-rarin' to go. It is learned that by the first week in October most of the teams will have started training. Softball has proved itself, and is here to stay!

Unofficial Opening

Opening the season unofficially to-morrow, the Chung Hwa team will meet a contingent from U.S.S. Tulsa at 10.30 a.m. at Caroline Hill. Although the ground is far from ideal, a good game can still be promised.

It is suggested that spikes be used on this ground, although the League management has barred their use, as I have personally seen many players suffering injuries through skidding when turning around the bases. This game should be a pre-season indication of the strengths of the two teams.

Chung Hwa will probably field their baseball team, except that the battery will be Tuffy Chinn and Nip Lum. Chinn proved he could chuck that apple in their last year, and there is no reason why he shouldn't be just as good this year. At the receiving end, there is none better than Nip Lum the accuracy of whose bullet pegs has been the downfall of more than one would-be base stealer. The others making up the infield are not yet certain, but Wally Ching should be a cinch to guard the windy alley. Al Lau and P. F. Choy will in all likelihood play the bags at second and third and Richard Chung will be in his favourite position hauling down flies in the left patch, with Babe Chinn at centre.

The Mighty T, one of the strongest squads last year, and about the only team to have ever beaten the Recreio Aces in a softball game, will not be quite as strong this season, as many of their players are no longer with them. However, it is possible that their new discoveries, who are as yet unannounced, may be even better.

NAVY TO ENTER JUNIOR TEAM IN LEAGUE

It is learned that Royal Navy will probably apply to the Football Association to take the place vacated by Eastern in the Second Division of the League.

Navy, who at one time thought they might not be able to enter the League this year, have since found themselves very "rich" in talent and in a position not only to field a strong eleven in the Senior Division but have enough players and reserves to enter another team. Their request, if made, will probably be granted as this will make the F. A. task easier for they can take over the whole Eastern's fixtures for the season.

ARMY WATER POLO

The Semi-finals of the Small Units Water Polo League was played yesterday and resulted in Signals beating "A" Company Royal Scots by 3 clear goals and H.Q. Middlesex beating "B" Co. of same battalion by three goals to nil.

Only One Senior Match For Soccer League Opening

SCOTS TO MEET SOUTH CHINA

By "Referee"

THE FOOTBALL season opening will be robbed of a great deal of interest owing to the postponement of several matches and as a result only one First Division game will be played to-day — between Royal Scots and South China, the champions.

South China have been badly hit by the formation of the Sing Tao team but have nevertheless gathered together a useful team.

Royal Scots will be fielding a better team than they have ever turned out in Hong Kong as a recent victory over South China indicates.

Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Chan Tak-fai will form the inside forwards and they should give the Scots defence a trying time.

Their intermediate line is weak and Lam Tak-po in the pivotal position will have to be at his best to check Hossack.

Second Division

The best game in Second Division should be between 30th R.A. and Royal Engineers. By a coincidence these two teams met in their last four games last season to decide the Shield final and the runners-up position of Second Division and honours were equal.

The Gunners have practically the same side this season, while Engineers will have Lowe, at outside left and Pelham as his partner. These two players prior to coming to Hong Kong played together for the same Regimental team for several seasons, and have an excellent understanding.

SOCCER TEAMS

KWONG WAH
First Team (v Middlesex at Boundary Street, kick off 4.45 p.m.)—Lee Kwok-lee, Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai, C. F. dos Remedios, Chung Kim-fai, J. J. Pereira, Chong Nai-shing, Tin Yung-fat, B. T. Gosano, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

Second Team (v Club at Club ground, kick off 3.15 p.m.)—League—Lam Ching-long, Lo Shu-kar, Yeung Poon-hoi, Cheung Wing, Wong Wah-gay, Yeung Poon-wang, Lung Chi-lup, Chan Wai-sang, Chin Chi-fun, Lee Yan-leung and Law Wing-kui.

R.E.
Second Division (v 30th Bty. R.A., Military ground)—Moxham; Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw (Capt.) and T. Taylor; Li Wai-lam, A. N. Other, Fox, Pelham and Lowe.
Third Division (v 20th Bty. R.A., Chatham Road ground)—Lam Wah-shing; T. Jones and Spencer; Chung Wai, F. Moore (Capt.) and Lo Kam-bo; Easley, Cork, Iley, Devony and Chung Sing.

LOCAL SOCCER FORECAST

To-day

First Division

R. Scots v South China
(Sookunpoo, at 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Middlesex v Kit-che
(Military, at 4.45 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Engineers
(Military, at 3.15 p.m.)
R. Scots v South China
(Sookunpoo, at 3.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v R.A.S.C.
(Kowloon, at 3.15 p.m.)
Club v Kwong Wah
(Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division

R.A.F. v Signals
(Caroline Hill, at 3.15 p.m.)
12th R.A. v 7th R.A.
(Stanley, at 3.15 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v 24th R.A.
(Chatham Rd., at 4.45 p.m.)
20th R.A. v Engineers
(Chatham Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)

To-morrow

First Division

Police v Navy
(Boundary Rd., at 4.45 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Eastern
(Club ground, at 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Police v R.A.O.C.
(Boundary Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Eastern
(Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division

36th R.A. v A.S.A.
(Chatham Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)
Shell v R.A.S.C.
(Chatham Rd., at 4.45 p.m.)

FRIENDLY MATCH

A friendly football match between Middlesex and Kwong Wah "A" will be played at Boundary Street, at 4.45 p.m. to-day.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

A good Duck Pin match was played in the Alleys last Friday, between Vasko and his Tulsa men and a representative team from the Alleys. The Tulsa team won by 47 pins after a keen and hard fought five game match.

The individual scores were as follows:—
U.S.S. TULSA
J. A. Vasko 512
O. F. Drewes 479
S. A. Ismail 461
I. D. Pierco 409

ALLEY TEAM
H. Blount 498
J. H. Watts 458
Geo. Roach 432
F. A. Venner 429

The top score for the match was registered by J. A. Vasko for the Tulsa, with 512 or an average of slightly over 102 pins per game.

Cpl. Blount, for the Alley Team, was not far behind with an average of 99 pins per game. S. A. Ismail, playing for Tulsa, did remarkably well to record 461 pins or an average of 92 pins per game.

The feature of Ismail's game was his good consistent bowling, his games being 95, 91, 95, 93, 85 so there was very little difference between his lowest score (85) and his highest score (95). O. F. Drewes, for Tulsa, who can always be depended upon to put up a useful score, on this occasion bagged the third highest score with a good 479 or an average of 96 pins per game, his bowling was also very consistent.

The Best Player

Cpl. Watts for the Alley Team was also in the limelight with a good score of 458 pins.

Geo. Roach and F. A. Venner for the Alley Team, two new players to match play, impressed with their efforts in this, their first serious match game. Both players bowled well throughout the match.

Fearce for Tulsa was also a newcomer to Duck Pin match games, and his 409 in this, his first match game, was a very good effort indeed, and augers very well for his future match games.

Nine Centuries

There was no meaning about the number of scores of 100 or over during this match, because there were no less than nine such scores registered, the Tulsa securing five of them.

A new member has joined the 200 Club, Pte. C. Hatfield, of Middlesex and Pte. Stoner (R.A.O.C.) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Hatfield, therefore, has the highest score in these Alleys for the present month and incidentally has beaten Cpl. A. Devonshire, of the same Regiment, whose score of 234 was made in January, 1939. In Cpl. Devonshire the foundation of a good strong Ten Pin team, and should form a team.

The veteran bowler Pete Peterson, and Tokaz, both of Tulsa fame, engaged in a Challenge match on Monday. In the Duck Pin games Pete managed to beat his opponent, but in the Ten Pin games, Tokaz turned the tables on his more experienced opponent by scoring 84 on his first game and 108 on his second game.

Cpl. Watts, for Alley Team, was top scorer of the match with a good 879 or an average of 176 pins per game.

He bowled consistently well throughout the match, his lowest score for a game being 161 and his highest 186. Blount, for Alley Team, was as usual not very far behind, and his was a very close second high score of 873 or an average of 175 pins per game.

G. Birkett of the Alley Team did much better on this occasion than he did on the last match, for he notched a good 802 against 685 in the last match.

Peterson for Tulsa made a useful 787 for his side. Had he not failed badly on his second game to make a lowly 127, he might easily have bagged 800. Borg with 748, was much below his usual form.

The much discussed Semi-Final of the Singles Handicap Competition took place on Wednesday, between Doc. Molthen and J. S. Landolt, and as expected, Doc. Molthen won very comfortably by 825 to 649.

Up to the third game it was anyone's match as Doc. Molthen was only leading by 8 pins, but his 233 against Landolt's 187 in their fourth game proved Landolt's downfall, though the latter played well in the last game.

Doc. Molthen now has to meet G. Birkett in the Final in a five game match.

The Final has been arranged for Sunday, 22, commencing at 6 p.m. The record scores for the month of August were as follows:—

TEN PINS
Men's Cpl. Blount 245
W. S. Mitchell 245
Miss Nancy Ng 185
Ladies' Cpl. H. Blount 149
D. A. Ayers 148
Miss Hazel Gardner 102
Cpl. Blount and W. S. Mitchell therefore have their names engraved on the Watson's Ten Pin Shield and each received a replica.

ARMY TENNIS

Following are the results of the Open Doubles Army Tennis Championship matches played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

S/Sgt. Megson and S/Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) beat S/Sgt. Gardner and Pte. Stoner (R.A.O.C.) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

P.S.M. Green and Cpl. Alsey (R.S.) beat L/Cpl. Fowler and L/Cpl. Glasgow (R.S.) 6-3, 6-4. Cpl. Boocock and Cpl. Adlam (R.A.O.C.) received a walk over from S/Sgt. Bartley and Pte. Whyborro (R.A.M.C.).

Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne (R.A.M.C.) received a walk over from S/Sgt. Mitchell and L/Sgt. Spencer (R.E.).

L/Cpl. Downing and L/Cpl. Gifford (R.S.) received a walk over from L/Bdr. Parnell and L/Bdr. Calhorne (R.A.).

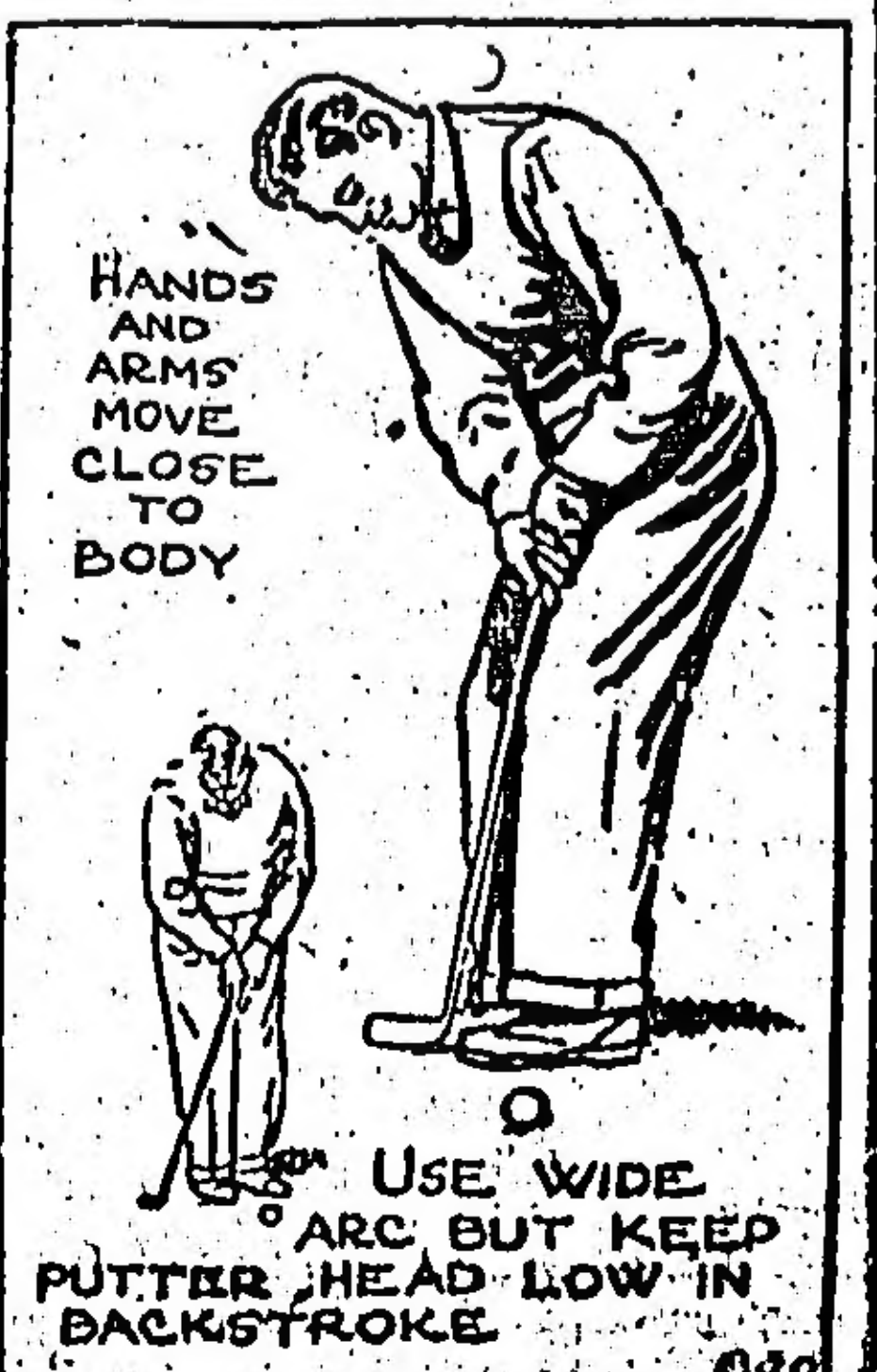
L/Cpl. Shaw and Spr. Elsey (R.E.) received a walk over from Bdr. Casey and L/Bdr. Stone (R.A.).

KEEP HANDS FROM STRAYING FOR STRAIGHT PUTT

BY BEST BALL

Two principles are aided by keeping the arms and hands close

GRAPHIC GOLF



to the body in the putting stroke. In the backstroke it insures keeping the putter head from creeping outside the path to the hole. This is rather an easy thing to do as many golfers have discovered to their sorrow and the fault is manifested largely at impact, when the putter comes back to the ball on an outside in tangent stroking the ball, if the clubhead is kept closed, to the left of the hole. Or if the putter head is opened in a last minute attempt to rectify the fault, it may add clockwise spin that will carry the sphere to the right of the objective.

If the clubhead is taken straight back, it has every chance of coming onto the ball in the same line with the putter aligned at right angles to the ball and carrying it through straight along this line. The second asset from such a position comes from the fact that with the right forearm resting on the right thigh greater stroke stability is possible. This means a truer stroke and greater accuracy. Employ a wide arc, keep the putter head close to the ground and the chances for stroking errors are minimized.

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WARSHIP PERSUASION

Japanese Pressure On Indo-China Government

CHINA WATCHES CLOSELY

WHILE CLOSELY WATCHING THE SWIFT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDO-CHINA SITUATION, CHINESE CIRCLES IN CHUNGKING BELIEVE THE PRESENT AMBITIONS OF JAPAN ARE LIMITED TO AN USURPATION OF FRENCH SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE COLONY AND ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY DIRECTED AT YUNNAN, ACCORDING TO CHUNGKING AND KUNMING DISPATCHES TO THE "TA KUNG PAO."

Chinese military authorities, however, have completed all necessary preparations to cope with the situation. As soon as the Japanese show signs of advancing in the direction of Yunnan, it is believed, the Chinese will take the first counter-move before the intended invasion becomes damaging.

A Kunming dispatch says that Gen. Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War, twice visited Yunnan in the last week to personally supervise military arrangements. The National Government and the Yunnan provincial authorities have practically monopolised the long-distance phone service during the past 24 hours for exchange of information and instructions.

The "Ta Kung Pao" correspondents add that though detailed military measures remain necessarily a secret, it is open knowledge that large forces of Central Government crack troops and provincial units are deployed along the Yunnan and Kwangsi borders under picked commanders.

Unconditional Passage Rights Asked

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SITUATION in Indo-China remains obscure, but negotiations have not finally been broken up. Best-informed quarters express the opinion, however, that Admiral De Coux must accept the new Japanese demands or invite invasion.

Since yesterday morning, additional Japanese warships have moved into Tongking Bay, as a persuasive gesture, and there has been increased activity on the Kwangsi side of the border.

According to latest reports, General Nishihara, on instructions from Tokyo, following French acceptance of an agreement providing for the passage of 25,000 Japanese troops through Indo-China by the Haiphong-Yunnan Railway, on Thursday night lodged further pre-emptory demands in the form, virtually, of an ultimatum.

No official disclosure of the nature of the demands has been made, but in Hanoi it is stated that Japan is now demanding unconditional rights of passage for unspecified numbers of troops with bases at other points.

The Chinese, according to these dispatches, realise that Admiral Jean De Coux is in a most difficult position due to double pressure from the Japanese and the Vichy authorities, and believe that the crisis will break any time.

than those already agreed. Semi-official reports from Kunming and Chungking indicate that the Chinese Government views the situation as critical. The Kunming-Chungking telecommunication system was commandeered yesterday for military purposes.

Demands Modified?

The Japanese have modified their demands on Indo-China, according to a semi-official French statement in Haiphong yesterday, and negotiations have been resumed in a friendly atmosphere.

It was declared there is now believed to be a reasonable basis for early settlement of the whole problem.

General Nishihara has remained in Hanoi although all Japanese civilian residents who left Hanoi during the day spent the night in Haiphong.

They have not boarded the Japanese ship which has been waiting in Haiphong for the past few days for the purpose of evacuating them altogether.—Reuter.

Vichy's Attitude

The "Petit Parisien" now published in Clermont-Ferrand, stated yesterday that the Vichy Government, when faced on August 2 with Japan's first demand for the passage of troops through French Indo-China, got into touch with the United States but "ascertained that the United States was unable to adopt an attitude other than platonic."

The newspaper says France had already formally rejected the Japanese demand but the Government had to face the realities, recognising Japan's paramount position in East Asia. Negotiations were opened with a view to reaching a general agreement that would serve as the prelude to detailed discussions at Hanoi.

'Mutual Determination'

It was under these auspices that talks between General Nishihara and Admiral De Coux began.

"Petit Parisien" says these talks hitherto have been continued with mutual determination to reach an understanding which, while giving Japan such satisfaction as is judged legitimate by the French Government, will still safeguard the independence of Indo-China and the sovereignty of France.—Reuter.

POLICE CHIEF

The following official appointments are gazetted:

Mr. T. J. Houston to be Deputy Superintendent of Inland Revenue, etc.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy to be a Member of the Urban Council for a further term.

Mr. C. G. Perdue to act as Commissioner of Police and Chief Officer, Fire Brigade.

Mr. W. R. Scott to act as Deputy Commissioner of Police.

Mr. R. Edwards to be the Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

DEMAND FOR REOPENING OF BURMA ROAD

The China Campaign Committee has written to Mr. Winston Churchill stating that 1,300,000 people in Britain have informed the Committee they support the demand for the immediate, unconditional reopening of the Burma road, it was stated in London yesterday.—Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR FORCE EXPANSION

BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE WILL NUMBER 26,500 OFFICERS AND MEN.

A large number of wireless operators from Canada arrived in Britain a fortnight ago and more are following very shortly.

According to a New York message, a corps of pilots who escaped from Norway is now being trained in Toronto.—Reuter.

ELECTION OF J.P. TO COUNCIL

An election for a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Legislative Council in the absence of Sir Henry Pollock has been called for September 27. Nominations close on September 25.

STOP PRESS

Attached to the Japanese ultimatum delivered to the Indo-China authorities are three sets of far-reaching demands, including military, naval and economic concessions, according to a story in the Hong Kong "Kung Sheung Daily News" quoting "well-informed sources."

The demands are reported as follows:

(1) Hanoi and Langson to be used as Japanese military bases, Hanoi and Laokay as Japanese aerial bases, and Haiphong, Tongking Bay and Kwangchowwan as Japanese naval bases.

(2) Indo-China tariff rates to be according to Japanese wish as a means of effecting closer Japanese-Indo-China economic cooperation.

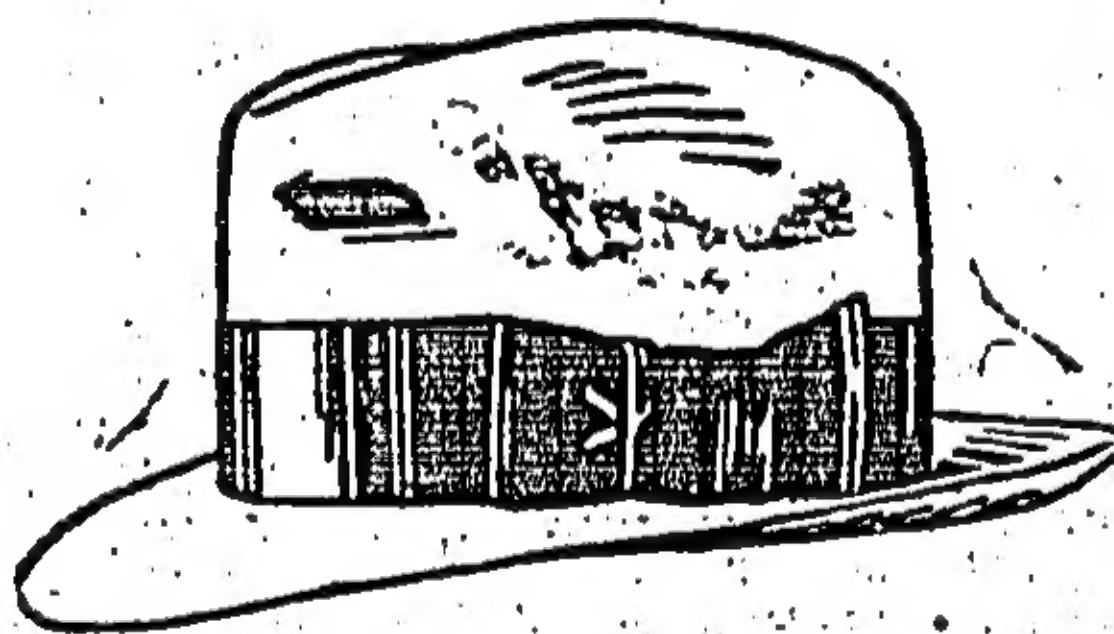
(3) Number of Japanese troops permitted passage through Indo-China for Yunnan not to be limited.

While strict secrecy regarding military preparations is being maintained in Chungking, it is understood, says Reuter, that large Chinese forces are concentrated in south Yunnan and Kwangsi on the Indo-China border. More than 200,000 crack Central Government troops, led by some of the ablest generals in China, are said to have taken up positions on the border. General Ho Ying-chin, the War Minister, has visited Kunming twice by air in recent weeks to supervise defence preparations.

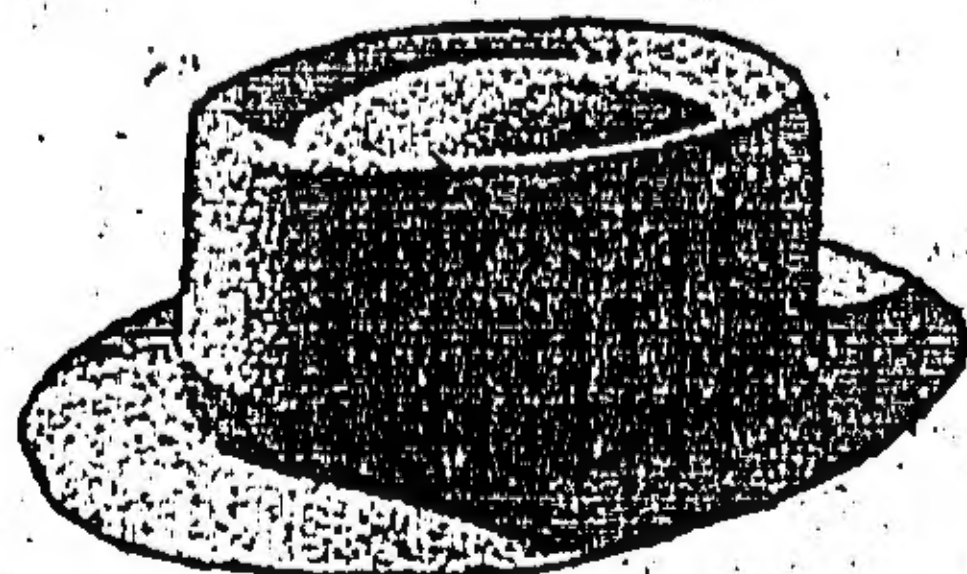


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